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H.R. No. 201

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, To mark their 50th wedding anniversary, James and
2 Pat Morriss of Midland enjoyed a family dinner and a reception, and
3 they will celebrate further with a trip to Scotland and England
4 given by their children in commemoration of this significant
5 milestone in their marriage; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Morriss and the former Patricia Ann Skaggs were
7 joined in marriage on September 19, 1953, in Van Alstyne, and their
8 close and enduring relationship has been the source of much
9 happiness and contentment for these two committed individuals; and

10 WHEREAS, The heart of a close-knit family, Mr. and Mrs.
11 Morriss have been blessed with three daughters and sons-in-law, Di
12 Ann and Chip Barker, Lisa and Stephen DeShaw, and Karen and Michael
13 Henson, and seven grandchildren, Alicia, Kimberley, Clint, and Tom
14 Barker, James Tyrel Snelson, and Garrett and Nathan Henson; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1970, Mr. Morriss's job with Home Insurance
16 Company took them to Midland, and after 10 years, they moved to
17 Littleton, Colorado, when he answered the call to start the
18 nondenominational Rocky Mountain Fellowship; once again Midland
19 residents since they moved back in 1990 to be near family, Mr. and
20 Mrs. Morriss are valued congregants of the Mid-Cities Community
21 Church, and Mr. Morriss is employed with the Ellis Funeral Home; and

22 WHEREAS, A dedicated homemaker throughout her marriage, Mrs.
23 Morriss has also been an unwavering partner with her husband over
24 the course of more than 30 years in Christian ministry, and today

1 the couple continues to provide counseling; Mrs. Morriss displays
2 her creativity through her involvement with local craft shows,
3 while her husband sings bass in a Southern gospel music quartet; and

4 WHEREAS, Together, this devoted couple has nurtured a strong
5 bond of love and filled each other's lives with great joy, and it is
6 a privilege to join in honoring them at this time; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate James and Pat
10 Morriss on the joyous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary
11 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Morriss as an expression of high regard by
15 the Texas House of Representatives.