

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The wedding anniversary of two outstanding Texans  
2 who celebrate 50 happy and fulfilling years of marriage is truly a  
3 memorable occasion; Starr County residents Jose Leon and Margarita  
4 Garcia celebrate a long and happy union on April 23, 2004; and

5           WHEREAS, Jose Leon Garcia and the former Margarita Carrera  
6 exchanged their wedding vows at 6:30 a.m. on April 23, 1954, at a  
7 ceremony held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Rio Grande  
8 City; the couple celebrated their honeymoon in Corpus Christi where  
9 they stayed at the Robert Driscoll Hotel, which catered to famous  
10 guests, including Bing Crosby's wife, Kathy Grant, and the  
11 legendary John Wayne; and

12           WHEREAS, Jose Leon Garcia, a native of La Grulla, Texas, was a  
13 member of the United States Army and completed tours of duty in New  
14 Jersey, Texas, and Korea; his photograph was also featured in the  
15 World Book Encyclopedia under Army; and

16           WHEREAS, Jose Leon established a successful 10-year career  
17 with Borden, Inc., and a 25-year career as an independent dairy milk  
18 distributor and entrepreneur; Mrs. Garcia, a graduate of Rio Grande  
19 City High and bookkeeper for the local Edelstein's Furniture,  
20 traded her position at the furniture store to work with her husband,  
21 and together the Garcias built a happy home for their four beloved  
22 children, Jose Leon, Sylvia, Ernesto, and Elda; and

23           WHEREAS, This devoted couple have resided together in Rio  
24 Grande City for almost five decades and are members of the

1 Immaculate Conception Church; they both take great pride in their  
2 growing family, which includes two daughters-in-law, one  
3 son-in-law, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Garcia enjoy their retirement together;  
6 their marriage has been enriched by cherished family memories and  
7 many joyful times; and

8 WHEREAS, Since becoming husband and wife, this devout couple  
9 have enjoyed an enduring relationship that has grown in love and  
10 mutual respect with each passing year, and they remain a source of  
11 delight and inspiration to the friends with whom they have shared  
12 the richness of their life together; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Jose Leon and  
15 Margarita Garcia of Rio Grande City on the occasion of their 50th  
16 anniversary and extend to them best wishes for much happiness in the  
17 years to come; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Garcia as an expression of high regard by  
20 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 218

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 218 was adopted by the House on  
October 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House