

By: Merritt

H.R. No. 224

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Drs. Elton and Lorene Archer of Longview marked a  
2 special milestone in their life together when they celebrated their  
3 60th wedding anniversary on July 24, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, While training for military service in World War II,  
5 Elton married Lorene on July 24, 1943, in Fort Benning, Georgia;  
6 three months later, Mr. Archer shipped out for the  
7 China-Burma-India theater, where as a member of the Overseas Secret  
8 Service he parachuted into Burma behind enemy lines to lead a  
9 guerilla company of Kachin Rangers; and

10 WHEREAS, After being separated by the war for two years, the  
11 couple were reunited and began their married life anew; over the  
12 years, their special union has been blessed by three children, Jane  
13 Archer Feinstein, Elton W. Archer, Jr., and Glenn Dawson Archer;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to raising a family, the Archers  
16 embarked on successful careers after both received doctor of  
17 philosophy degrees from Texas A&M University at Commerce; Mrs.  
18 Archer taught elementary and middle school in the Longview and  
19 Tyler independent school districts; also employed as an elementary  
20 consultant for the Longview school system, she chaired the  
21 department of education at East Texas Baptist University, which  
22 nominated her for the prestigious Piper Professor Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Archer became a professor of engineering  
24 graphics at LeTourneau University and served as vice president for

1 academic affairs; chosen to be the acting president during the  
2 illness of LeTourneau's chief executive, Mr. Archer ably led the  
3 university through its completion of the Southern Association of  
4 Colleges four-year college accreditation process, and he made the  
5 school a forerunner in higher education's trend toward making  
6 computer literacy instruction a requisite part of the curriculum;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Valued members of their community, Mr. and Mrs.  
9 Archer have attended the First Baptist Church of Longview for more  
10 than 50 years and have served as Sunday school teachers for more  
11 than 40 years; Mr. Archer has also been Sunday school department  
12 director and is a deacon; and

13 WHEREAS, For six decades, this devoted couple have shared an  
14 enduring union filled with many happy times and cherished family  
15 memories, and it is indeed a privilege to honor them at this time  
16 for all they have accomplished in their life together; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
19 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Drs. Elton and  
20 Lorene Archer on their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them  
21 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for the Archers as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.