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H.R. No. 201

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jody and Viola Allen of Longview have marked a
2 special milestone in their life together with the joyous
3 celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary; and

4 WHEREAS, The Allens received the congratulations of family
5 and friends at a reception held at the First Church of the Nazarene
6 on April 17, 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Jody E. Allen and the former Viola Hatcher, of Ozane
8 and Stamps, Arkansas, respectively, were wed at the First Baptist
9 Church in Rosston, Arkansas, in 1954; the couple are the proud
10 parents of two children and a daughter-in-law, Ronald Allen and his
11 wife, Joyce, and Renee Allen Hall; they have also welcomed into
12 their close-knit family five grandchildren and two
13 great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Allen worked for
15 Kimball Wholesale Grocery in Texarkana and for LeTourneau, Inc.,
16 and Wellman Industries in Longview; he is now retired from
17 Winston's; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Allen became a full-time homemaker with the
19 birth of their first child and since then has devoted her time and
20 talents to her family and to church work; she was an assistant for
21 17 years with the Joy Reflected ministry at First Assembly of God,
22 and for the past eight years she has served as director of the
23 Ladies Luncheon ministry at First Church of the Nazarene, where she
24 and her husband are valued congregants; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen is an outdoorsman who enjoys hunting deer
2 and elk, and Mrs. Allen takes pleasure in sewing; and

3 WHEREAS, The Allens are deeply cherished by their family and
4 friends, and their enduring marriage is a continuing source of joy
5 and inspiration to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Jody and Viola Allen
8 on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary and extend to
9 them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
10 further

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