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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lillian and Joseph Cooper of Dallas mark a golden
2 milestone in their lives on April 16, 2003, as they celebrate their
3 50th wedding anniversary; and

4 WHEREAS, United in marriage on April 16, 1953, Mr. and Mrs.
5 Cooper have nurtured a strong bond of love and their union has been
6 blessed with four children, Billy Joe Cooper, Jacqueline Jones,
7 Denise Clayton, and Nancy Hall; over the years they have proudly
8 watched their family grow to include 14 grandchildren, 15
9 great-grandchildren, and sons-in-law Eric Clayton and Carlton
10 Hall; and

11 WHEREAS, After half a century of companionship, Mr. and Mrs.
12 Cooper still cherish time spent together and enjoy serving their
13 Dallas community as a team: when you see Lillian, you see Joe; and

14 WHEREAS, Joe "The Income Tax Man" Cooper's retirement from
15 Eastman Kodak has allowed the couple greater opportunity to pursue
16 their mutual passion of traveling, traveling, and more traveling;
17 Mrs. Cooper remains the only woman her children know who does not
18 work yet takes "vacations," even as they insist that these should
19 more appropriately be called "trips"; and

20 WHEREAS, Lillian and Joe Cooper treasure family above all
21 else and have succeeded in providing a loving and nurturing home;
22 they have instilled in their children a firm sense of
23 responsibility to life's duties, reminding them that they must go
24 to school, be on time for work, and give back to the community, and

1 that the only excuse for not voting is death; and

2 WHEREAS, This remarkable marriage has produced a fine family
3 and many joyous memories, and the love Mr. and Mrs. Cooper continue
4 to share remains an inspiration to all who know them; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor Lillian and Joseph Cooper on the occasion
8 of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them warmest best
9 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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