

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, May 16, 2003, marks the golden wedding anniversary
2 of Don and Rosie Benton of West Tawakoni, and this milestone
3 provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on their enduring
4 relationship; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological
6 Seminary, Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist
7 University (SMU), and Texas Wesleyan University (TWU), Dr. Benton
8 has served as a Methodist minister for nearly five decades, and over
9 the course of his career he has twice been called on to deliver the
10 daily invocation for legislative bodies, speaking before the United
11 States Senate in 1983 and the Texas House of Representatives on
12 February 18, 2003; the author of four books and an organizer of the
13 Kindness Foundation, he now is interim pastor at Lone Star United
14 Methodist Church in Clarksville and is active in the Hella Black
15 Horse Drill Team; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout the couple's marriage, Mrs. Benton has
17 given generously of her time and talents in support of countless
18 worthwhile endeavors of her husband and his congregants; in 1983,
19 this talented woman produced the play, *Papa was a Preacher*, based on
20 an Aylene Porter novel by the same name; the book was later adapted
21 into a motion picture, for which Mrs. Benton and her husband served
22 as executive producers; and

23 WHEREAS, Avid travelers, the Bentons have visited all 50
24 states as well as 38 countries, including mission trips to the

1 Philippines, South America, Haiti, and Africa; in addition, they
2 will be going to Sweden, Norway, and Denmark this year in
3 celebration of their 50th anniversary; and

4 WHEREAS, This loving couple are the proud parents of five
5 children, Dink, Donna, David, Dallas, and Deborah Faye, and over
6 the years, their family has grown to include Deborah's husband,
7 Steve, and Dallas's wife, Stacy, and eight beloved grandchildren,
8 Bonnie, Michael, Trey, Alec, Collin, Cody, Stephanie, and Paige;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Blessed with five decades of wonderful memories
11 together, a large and loving family, and an enduring commitment to
12 one another and to the institution of marriage, Dr. and Mrs. Benton
13 truly have reason to celebrate, and it is a pleasure to join in
14 honoring them at this time; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Don and Rosie Benton on the joyous
17 occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them
18 sincere best wishes for much happiness as they continue their
19 journey together; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Dr. and Mrs. Benton as an expression of high regard by
22 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 901

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 901 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House