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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A golden wedding anniversary is truly cause for
2 celebration, and on May 2, 2003, Houston residents Willie "Bill"
3 French, Jr., and Florence French are marking this memorable event
4 in their marriage; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. French pledged their vows on May 2,
6 1953, in a ceremony officiated by Father George A. Wilson at St.
7 Anne deBeaupre Church in Houston; over the course of their close and
8 enduring relationship, the couple have demonstrated a deep love,
9 trust, and admiration for each other, and they remain a source of
10 inspiration to their loved ones; and

11 WHEREAS, The Frenches take great pride in their close-knit
12 family, which includes seven children, Carol, Vanessa, Michelle,
13 Willie III, Charleta, John, and LaDonna, 11 grandchildren, and
14 three great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, A dedicated homemaker, Mrs. French devoted untold
16 time and energy as a volunteer with PTA and other school activities
17 and as a den mother when her children were young; she was named
18 Mother of the Year and also worked outside the home for a time
19 following the birth of her sixth child; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. French retired from Armco Steel after a career
21 that spanned 28 years and then began his own air conditioning and
22 heating business, Tools Enterprises; and

23 WHEREAS, Admired residents of their community, the couple are
24 charter members of St. Monica Catholic Church, where Mr. French

1 serves as a Eucharist minister and lecturer; a past president of St.
2 Vincent de Paul he is also a fourth degree Knight and executive
3 board member of the Knights of Peter Claver, while Mrs. French
4 participates with the Ladies of Knights of St. Peter Claver; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. French have shared the trials and
6 triumphs of five decades together, and their commitment to each
7 other gladdens the hearts of their loving circle of family and
8 friends; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Bill and Florence French on the
11 occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them
12 warmest best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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