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H.R. No. 1143

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fifty-four years of marriage is truly cause for
2 celebration, and on May 14, 2003, William H. and Bessie Marie
3 Rutherford of Horizon City are marking this joyous event in their
4 lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Rutherford met his future wife in January 1946,
6 when she and his mother both worked at the United States Air Force
7 base in Memphis, Tennessee; the couple exchanged wedding vows on
8 May 14, 1949, in Hernando, Mississippi, and they continue to enjoy a
9 warm and fulfilling relationship today; and

10 WHEREAS, Blessed with a fine family, the Rutherfords take
11 great pride in their children, Dennis Rutherford, William H.
12 Rutherford III, Christine Marie LeVasser, and Brenda Carroll;
13 through the years, their joy has been compounded with the addition
14 of eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren to their
15 close-knit circle of loved ones; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rutherford is retired from employment with the
17 Fort Bliss commissary; a member of the Horizon City Kiwanis Club,
18 along with her husband, she devotes her time and energy to the
19 Kiwanis-sponsored Terrific Kids program in local schools; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Rutherford served his country during World War
21 II as a member of the United States Navy; in 1946 he joined the
22 United States Army, from which he retired in 1971 with the rank of
23 sergeant major; he served as El Paso County sheriff as well as
24 Horizon City police chief and also has been the owner of an

1 automotive repair shop; in addition to Kiwanis, his civic
2 involvement includes the Oz Glaze Senior Center; and

3 WHEREAS, Together, this devoted couple have set an
4 inspirational example of mutual love, respect, and admiration for
5 their family and many friends, and it is truly a pleasure to join in
6 honoring them at this time; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate William and Marie Rutherford on the
9 happy occasion of their 54th wedding anniversary and extend to them
10 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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