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H.R. No. 1185

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Two highly esteemed Texans recently commemorated a  
2 special day in their lives together when retired Major General  
3 Vernon B. Lewis, Jr., and Patsy Jean Lewis of Houston celebrated  
4 their golden wedding anniversary on February 28, 2003; and

5           WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis was born in Palestine but was raised in  
6 Houston; pursuing a career in health care, she graduated in 1950  
7 from Hermann Hospital School of Nursing and became a registered  
8 nurse; in addition to being a pillar of support for her husband and  
9 a caring mother to her children, Mrs. Lewis is a valued member of  
10 her community and currently serves on the board for the Harrison  
11 County Boys and Girls Club; and

12           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Marshall, General Lewis is a  
13 29-year veteran of the United States Army and recipient of the  
14 Distinguished Service Medal; he served three combat tours in Korea  
15 and Vietnam and spent five years at the Pentagon working with the  
16 deputy chief of staff for operations; after retirement from the  
17 army, General Lewis founded and served as chief executive officer  
18 of Cypress International and MPRI, and he continues to serve his  
19 fellow citizens through his work on the national board of directors  
20 of Armed Services YMCA, the board of Armed Forces Services  
21 Corporation, and the board of trustees of Karnack Independent  
22 School District; and

23           WHEREAS, On February 28, 1953, after General Lewis returned  
24 from a 13-month tour in the Korean War, he married the former Patsy

1 Jean Oldam at her parents' home in Houston; over the years, their  
2 enduring union has been blessed with two daughters, Laura Jean  
3 Lewis and Teresa Marie Lewis Duggan, and one son, Vernon B. Lewis  
4 III; they have watched with great pride as their family has grown to  
5 include four grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, For half a century, General and Mrs. Lewis have  
7 nurtured a strong bond of love, filling each other's lives with many  
8 happy times and cherished family memories; at this time, it is both  
9 a pleasure and a privilege to honor them for all they have  
10 accomplished; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Major General Vernon B. Lewis, Jr.,  
13 and Patsy Jean Lewis on the joyous occasion of their 50th wedding  
14 anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued  
15 happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for General and Mrs. Lewis as an expression of high regard  
18 by the Texas House of Representatives.