

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 450

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, J. R. "Dick" Birdwell and Joyce Patranella made a lifelong commitment to each other, and their mutual trust has been amply rewarded, for they are now celebrating their golden wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Dick and Joyce were married on April 2, 1953, in College Station; and

WHEREAS, The world has changed considerably during the years of their marriage, yet Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell have cherished traditional family and moral values; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, they have grown stronger in their love and devotion as together they have experienced the joys and sorrows of everyday living; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell have been blessed with a wonderful family; their children, Rick, Robert, Randy, Rusty, and Rhonda, and their 12 grandchildren have been a source of great pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, Dick, a 1953 graduate of Texas A&M University, was a Dow Chemical executive for 25 years; well regarded in his field, he was named Engineer of the Year; he has served his community as a member of the College Station City Council for several terms and as the mayor of Lake Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Joyce is a graduate of Texas Woman's University and is dedicated to her work as a homemaker; she has served as an elementary school teacher, and a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, The loving relationship that Dick and Joyce share is truly an inspiration to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,
78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere congratulations to
Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell on their 50th wedding anniversary; and,
be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared
for Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell as a memento of this special day.

Williams
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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 26, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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