

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 763

**WHEREAS**, On August 15, 2002, Robert and Mary Sue Gottschall of Victoria celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, and this occasion provided a fitting opportunity to reflect on their lives and enduring relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Mangum, Oklahoma, in 1918, Mary Sue Mills excelled at the piano from an early age, performing her first recital at age eight; a woman of many talents, she also prospered in her studies, graduating valedictorian of her high school and earning a scholarship to Oklahoma University; and

**WHEREAS**, A true Texan, Robert Gottschall was born in Dallas in 1915; his activity in the local theater scene caught the attention of Hollywood, and he soon found his way onto the big screen in such movies as *The Grapes of Wrath*, in which his character mistakenly informs a friend, "All them Okies is hard-lookin'."; and

**WHEREAS**, When America entered World War II, Mr. Gottschall enlisted and received training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where Mary Sue was employed; spotting a beauty that put all the red carpet starlets to shame, Robert declared to a nearby officer, "You see that woman over there? I'm gonna marry her."; and

**WHEREAS**, After sweeping each other off their feet to a Benny Goodman record on their first date, the couple later exchanged vows in Asbury Park Methodist Church and began a long, happy journey that has taken them around the world and blessed them with many memories and recognitions; and

**WHEREAS**, After the war, the couple returned to Robert's Beverly Hills home so that he could continue his movie contract; he was recalled to the Army in 1948 and remained in service until his retirement in 1963; the family spent time stationed in such places as Japan and Taiwan, where Robert introduced Little League baseball; and

**WHEREAS**, This loving couple has watched their three children, Robert Byron, Mark, and Nancy, grow and inherit their parents' artistic talents; their family has now grown to include six grandchildren, Joseph "Geno", Ari, Michael, Ariel, Josh, and Ashley; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert and Mary Sue have been blessed with 60 wonderful years together, a large and loving family, and friends the world over, and it is a privilege for the Texas Senate to join others in honoring them on the occasion of their anniversary; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere congratulations to Robert and Mary Sue Gottschall on their 60th wedding anniversary

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and wish them much happiness as they continue their journey together; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Gottschall as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate