

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 954

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, Lola and Willie Smith made a lifetime commitment to each other, and their mutual trust has been amply rewarded, for they recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married on September 22, 1952, in Jasper; and

WHEREAS, The world has changed considerably during the years of their marriage, yet Mr. and Mrs. Smith 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. Smith are beloved and respected by their children, Randa Smith, Malcolm Smith, and Felita McDuffie, and their two grandchildren, Jaylyn and Jourdan McDuffie; and

WHEREAS, Willie retired from the Louisiana Pacific Corporation as dry kiln foreman after 41 years of service, and Lola retired from the Jasper Independent School District as a teacher's aide after 11 years of service; dedicated to community service, Willie is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, and Lola is a volunteer at Jasper Christus Hospital; they also share the fruits of their hobbies with others; Willie is a gardener who distributes his harvest among family and friends; Lola sews and cooks and enjoys baking cakes for her family and friends on their birthdays; and

WHEREAS, They are both active and devoted members of the Greater New Bethel Baptist Church of Jasper; Willie serves as the

chairman of the Deacon Board and as general superintendent of the Sunday school; Lola serves on the Deaconess Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated their anniversary with their family and friends at a reception hosted by their family on September 22, 2002, at the First National Bank Community Room in Jasper; and

WHEREAS, The loving relationship that Willie and Lola 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. Smith on their 50th wedding anniversary; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate