

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Johnny and Bonnie Cates of Quitman celebrated their  
2 50th wedding anniversary on April 7, 2005, marking a notable  
3 milestone in their long and happy union; and

4           WHEREAS, To commemorate the special occasion, the pair were  
5 the guests of honor at a reception hosted by their children and  
6 grandchildren at the Quitman First Baptist Church Family Life  
7 Center on April 2, 2005; and

8           WHEREAS, High school sweethearts, Johnny Cates and the former  
9 Bonnie Jean Williams married while they were students at Texas A&M  
10 University; they have been blessed with a son and daughter-in-law,  
11 Steve and LaNell Cates, two daughters and sons-in-law, Amanda and  
12 Tom Curtis and Laura Lee and Kent Weems, 10 grandchildren, and a  
13 great-grandchild; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cates have been residents of Quitman  
15 since 1970 and have both retired from successful careers; she  
16 worked for the Quitman Independent School District and he was  
17 employed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Mr. Cates is  
18 also a retired colonel of the Texas National Guard and Reserves; and

19           WHEREAS, The enduring union of Johnny and Bonnie Cates  
20 remains a genuine source of inspiration to all those with whom they  
21 have shared the richness of their lives, and it is indeed a pleasure  
22 to honor them at this time; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Johnny and

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1 Bonnie Cates on their golden wedding anniversary and extend to them  
2 sincere best wishes for continued happiness together; and, be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Cates as an expression of high regard by  
6 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 35 was adopted by the House on July 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House