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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

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.