

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, July 2, 2005, was a special day indeed, as it marked  
2 the 50th wedding anniversary of Ralph and Norma Jo Cole of Pilot  
3 Point, and we join their family members and many friends in  
4 congratulating them on this memorable milestone; and

5           WHEREAS, Ralph Leslie "Buddy" Cole, Jr., and Norma Jo Woodrum  
6 first met as students at Denton High School, and they continued to  
7 date as undergraduates at North Texas State University; and

8           WHEREAS, The childhood sweethearts were married on July 2,  
9 1955, at St. David's Episcopal Church in Denton, and their  
10 relationship has continued to grow in mutual admiration, affection,  
11 and respect; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Cole have taken great  
13 pride and pleasure in the growth of their family, which includes  
14 their sons, Les and Alan, and their grandchildren, Amy, Leslie,  
15 Hallie, Claire, Will, Ryan, Ramsey, and Rebecca, and they also draw  
16 strength and support from the community of worship at the First  
17 United Methodist Church of Pilot Point, where theirs is a welcome  
18 presence; and

19           WHEREAS, Mrs. Cole retired after teaching elementary school  
20 for 32 years and now serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission in  
21 Pilot Point; Mr. Cole is a former Denton County judge and county  
22 commissioner who continues his avocation of writing nature columns;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, In celebrating their golden wedding anniversary,

1 Buddy and Norma Jo Cole offer eloquent testimony to the value of  
2 commitment and the power of enduring love, and their marriage is an  
3 inspiration and a joy to all those fortunate enough to know them;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Ralph Leslie Cole,  
7 Jr., and Norma Jo Cole on the occasion of their 50th wedding  
8 anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued  
9 happiness; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Cole as an expression of high regard by  
12 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 249

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 249 was adopted by the House on July 11, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House