

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, Horace Gene Akers and Irma Evelina Acosta 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, The world has changed considerably during the years of their marriage, yet Mr. and Mrs. Akers have cherished traditional family values; over the years, they have shared their wisdom with their family and have passed down their values to succeeding generations; and

WHEREAS, Gene and Irma's generosity is legendary, and they are noted for their tradition of opening their home and their hearts to anyone who has needed their love and support; grandchildren, foreign exchange students, and friends alike have all been welcomed into their home with open arms; and

WHEREAS, Known for his ability to repair anything, Gene built the family's house with his own hands; it has been dubbed the "Big House" and is the site of yearly Christmas gatherings of the entire extended family; Gene had a longtime successful career with the El Paso Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Irma is celebrated for her cooking; known as "Aunt Casserole" for her ability to come up with meals from any available ingredients, she will also spend an entire day in the kitchen preparing an exquisite feast for a family gathering; Irma was a budget analyst for the government for many years; and

WHEREAS, Gene and Irma have been blessed with a wonderful family, and they are respected and beloved by their eight children, 20 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and

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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 their loving relationship is truly an inspiration to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere congratulations to Gene and Irma Akers on the grand occasion of their golden wedding anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this special couple as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 6, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate