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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The wedding anniversary of two individuals who have  
2 shared 50 fulfilling years of marriage is truly a memorable  
3 occasion worthy of special recognition, and on September 11, 2005,  
4 Jack Phillips Smith and the former Sharon Jean Leisch of Dallas are  
5 commemorating this significant event in their lives; and

6           WHEREAS, The couple grew up only a few miles from each other  
7 in Danville, Illinois, but didn't meet until both attended a 1954  
8 Danville High School basketball game while Mr. Smith was on leave  
9 from his assignment in Germany as a member of the United States  
10 Army; after a brief courtship and the arrival of an engagement ring  
11 sent through the mail, the bride-to-be prepared for an overseas  
12 wedding; fortune was on their side, however, for the prospective  
13 groom was able to return to the states, and they were married in a  
14 ceremony held at First Presbyterian Church in their hometown; and

15           WHEREAS, During their first decade of marriage, the Smiths  
16 lived in various Midwestern and East Coast cities; by 1965, when  
17 they moved to Dallas and Mr. Smith went to work with Texas  
18 Instruments, they had started their family and were the parents of  
19 two young daughters; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Smith focused much of their attention  
21 and energy on their growing family, cheerfully supporting their  
22 children's involvement in a multitude of activities; in addition,  
23 the family spent time together participating in church activities,  
24 swimming in their backyard pool, and traveling cross-country in

1 their station wagon; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, Jack and Sharon Smith take great pride in  
3 their four children and their spouses, Laurel Verheul and her  
4 husband, Maarten, Julia Monroe and her husband, John, Dinah Welsh  
5 and her husband, Rod, and Stuart Smith and his wife, Debra, as well  
6 as their seven grandchildren, Hunter Kees Verheul, Lacey Jean  
7 Verheul, Hayden Phillips Smith, Micah Davenport Smith, Siena Grace  
8 Welsh, Caroline Lynn Monroe, and Clark Noah Monroe; and

9 WHEREAS, The Smiths' lively household has always included a  
10 varied assortment of pets, among them cats, goldfish, and,  
11 especially, many treasured dachshunds; the four-legged objects of  
12 Mr. and Mrs. Smith's affections are currently their dog, Stotts,  
13 and their five "granddogs"; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Smith have both long been active in  
15 Highland Park Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Smith formerly served  
16 as a deacon and now serves as a reserve deacon; in their leisure  
17 time, the pair have embarked on trips to destinations as diverse as  
18 London, Paris, Madrid, Mexico, and Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS, For half a century, this devoted couple have shared  
20 the trials and triumphs of marriage and parenthood, and it is a  
21 distinct pleasure to join in recognizing them for the happy and  
22 rewarding life they have built together; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Jack and  
25 Sharon Smith on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and  
26 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be  
27 it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Smith as an expression of high regard by  
3 the Texas House of Representatives.