

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 11

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Jo and Fred Nayfa of Sweetwater are marking another  
2 memorable event in their long and happy union with the celebration  
3 of their 60th wedding anniversary on April 17, 2006; and

4           WHEREAS, This treasured couple met nearly seven decades ago  
5 in Oklahoma City, while Mr. Nayfa was studying at Oklahoma City  
6 University; on April 17, 1946, they made a lasting commitment to  
7 each other as they exchanged their wedding vows in Gainesville; and

8           WHEREAS, Over the years, the industrious Mr. Nayfa owned  
9 several businesses, including The Hub Store, The Fair Shop, and ENC  
10 Discount; he also worked as a sales representative for Nayco  
11 Products before his retirement in 1982; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Nayfa has stood by her husband's side in all his  
13 endeavors, devoting countless hours herself to the family  
14 enterprises, and she is regarded with affection and respect  
15 throughout the community as a loyal friend and neighbor; and

16           WHEREAS, Today the Nayfas are surrounded by a loving family  
17 that has grown to include three cherished children and their  
18 spouses, Nadine Craddick and her husband, Speaker Tom Craddick, Abe  
19 Nayfa and his wife, Tori, and Jeanne Brewer and her husband, Keith;  
20 the couple also delight in their grandchildren, Christi Leigh  
21 Craddick, Thomas Russell Craddick, Jr., and his wife, Laura, Kyle  
22 Abraham Nayfa and his wife, Angie, Jeremy Kent Nayfa, Beau Keith  
23 Brewer and his wife, Christa, and Ashley Michelle Brewer, and in  
24 their great-granddaughter, Sydney Kate Nayfa; and

1           WHEREAS, Long active in their community, Jo and Fred Nayfa  
2 continue to participate in local organizations while pursuing their  
3 favorite leisure-time activities; Mrs. Nayfa has been involved with  
4 the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Eastern Star, and she is presently  
5 a member of the Book Review Club; together with her husband, she is  
6 also a valued parishioner of First United Methodist Church; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Nayfa has formed many close friendships as a  
8 member of the VFW, the American Legion, the Disabled Veterans of  
9 America, and Masonic Lodge No. 571, of which he is a past master and  
10 past district deputy; this esteemed gentleman is a recipient of the  
11 Golden Trowel Award, given by Lodge No. 571, and the Excalibur  
12 Award, conferred by the Templar Masonry and Sweetwater Commandry,  
13 and he has been honored by the Suez Shrine Temple; an avid golfer,  
14 he has recorded a remarkable four holes-in-one; and

15           WHEREAS, Through six decades, Jo and Fred Nayfa have  
16 fashioned a vibrant and rewarding partnership and demonstrated a  
17 deeply rooted commitment to one another, their family, and the  
18 institution of marriage; for their enduring union and for all they  
19 have accomplished in their life together, they are most deserving  
20 of warmest congratulations; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
22 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Jo and Fred Nayfa on the  
23 occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them best  
24 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

25           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Nayfa as an expression of high regard by  
27 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.