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H.R. No. 105

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shirley West and her Buddy, the Honorable G. E.  
2 West, marked a momentous occasion in their lives with the  
3 celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on March 22, 2006;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, From childhood classmates to study partners in high  
6 school, the Wests' early years together always seemed to revolve  
7 around education; married in Odessa on March 22, 1956, the  
8 newlyweds moved to Abilene in 1957 in order for Representative West  
9 to attend Hardin-Simmons University; Mrs. West worked for Stanolind  
10 Oil and Representative West for Pan American while he was a student;  
11 later in his career, he earned a bachelor of business  
12 administration degree from The University of Texas of the Permian  
13 Basin; and

14 WHEREAS, Following the birth of the couple's first child,  
15 Representative West joined the staff of Eagle Fishing Tool and the  
16 Wests moved to Andrews, where "Gone Fishing" held new meaning until  
17 their return to Odessa in 1961; three years later, he resumed his  
18 career with Pan American, which subsequently became Amoco, and he  
19 is now retired from a notable 30-year career with that company; and

20 WHEREAS, First elected to the Texas Legislature in 1992, this  
21 distinguished Texan keeps coming back for more to the delight of his  
22 colleagues and constituents alike; when he isn't visiting Central  
23 Texas, Representative West spends his free time back in Odessa  
24 attending church, working around his house, and playing with his

1 grandchildren; hunting season finds him in the field with friends  
2 and his grandsons, and he also loves to read, especially works on  
3 American and Texas history; and

4 WHEREAS, For many years, Shirley West was a stay-at-home  
5 mother, and after nurturing her lively brood through their youth,  
6 she took the business world by storm and launched a successful  
7 career in real estate; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, leading the Wests' considerable fan club are  
9 their children and their spouses, Richie West, Lori and Wade  
10 Bennington, and Ami and Scott Satterwhite, and their grandchildren,  
11 Kelsee and Shelby West, Baylee Bennington, and Scotty, Lexi,  
12 Landon, and Laci Satterwhite; and

13 WHEREAS, After 50 years of marriage, the ties of affection  
14 and respect that bind this fortunate pair together have only grown  
15 deeper and stronger; as they savor the richness of the past five  
16 decades, their family and friends give thanks for the joyful  
17 example of their enduring union; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
19 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Honorable  
20 Buddy West and Shirley West on their golden wedding anniversary and  
21 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness and good  
22 fortune; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Representative and Mrs. West as an expression of high  
25 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.