

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Five decades of marriage is truly a reason for
2 celebration, and on June 25, 2006, Pastor Elbert Lee Bowman and
3 Annette Ray Bowman of Fort Worth are observing their golden wedding
4 anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, The couple first met in October 1951 at the
6 Henderson County Memorial Hospital in Athens, where Pastor Bowman
7 was hospitalized following an automobile accident; and

8 WHEREAS, The courtship progressed as Pastor Bowman drove each
9 weekend from his Fort Worth home to Athens, where his future wife
10 lived, and on June 25, 1956, the couple wed; and

11 WHEREAS, Pastor Bowman organized Greater Mount Tabor
12 Christian Center in 1965, and continues as its senior minister
13 today; the church offers a host of ministries designed to assist
14 members of the congregation and the wider community, and Pastor and
15 Mrs. Bowman have dedicated untold time and energy in behalf of their
16 church; and

17 WHEREAS, The proud parents of eight children, the Bowmans
18 also have found the time and energy to be active community leaders
19 as well as to travel extensively throughout the United States and
20 Canada; and

21 WHEREAS, Together, this dynamic couple have shared their
22 faith and kindness with their family, their church, and citizens of
23 the Fort Worth area, and their enduring marriage remains an
24 inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to share in their lives;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby warmly congratulate Pastor
4 Elbert Lee "E. L." Bowman and Annette Ray Bowman on the joyous
5 occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them
6 heartfelt best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the couple as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 228

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 228 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House