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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Davis and Mary Nan Payne of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at a reception on April 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Payne and the former Mary Nan Ratliff met while working at the Western Company and were united in matrimony on April 3, 1954, at the First Methodist Church in Odessa; they continue to work together today as the owners of their own oil company, Polaris Production Corporation; over the years, they have felt great pride as their family has grown to include two children, Nancy Stacks and Garry Payne, as well as their beloved grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Decorations at their anniversary celebration at the Petroleum Club made use of treasured keepsakes from their wedding as well as family heirlooms from both Mr. and Mrs. Payne's relatives; guests from throughout the state and from Louisiana and California attended the noteworthy event, which included the presentation of a memory book to the honored couple; and

WHEREAS, With this special gift, the Paynes can reflect with joy on the five decades that they have shared, treasuring the many bright moments of their lives together; for half a century, this couple has nurtured an unwavering devotion and commitment that continues to be an inspiration to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

Legislature hereby congratulate Davis and Mary Nan Payne on their

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- 1 golden wedding anniversary and extend to them best wishes for
- 2 continued happiness; and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Payne as an expression of high regard by
- 5 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 339 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House