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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vernon and Ruthe Jackson of Grand Prairie celebrated
2 their 60th wedding anniversary on September 10, 2004, marking a
3 notable milestone in their long and happy marriage; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson and the former Ruthe Thompson were
5 joined in matrimony on September 10, 1944, they have been blessed
6 with two daughters, Xanna Jackson Young and Jorja Jackson Clemson,
7 and they have also welcomed five beloved grandchildren, Rendi,
8 James, Spencer, Leanna, and Allison, and 11 great-grandchildren,
9 Katie, Rebekah, Caleb, Sidney, Ethan, Katelyn, Blake, Cade, Allie,
10 Luke, and Lane, into their family; and

11 WHEREAS, Valued members of the Turnpike Church of Christ, Mr.
12 and Mrs. Jackson have enjoyed successful careers and made
13 innumerable contributions to the city they love to call home; the
14 couple are former owners of Jackson Vending Supply, Inc., and
15 though they sold the company in 1998, Mr. Jackson remains active in
16 its operations as a consultant; and

17 WHEREAS, Currently a member of the Friday Rotary Club, the
18 Post-School PTA, and the Grand Prairie Historical Organization,
19 among other noteworthy organizations, Mr. Jackson formerly served
20 as a board member and president of the Grand Prairie Independent
21 School District, as chairman of the Grand Prairie Urban
22 Renewal-Community Renewal Commission, and as a board member of
23 Christian College of the Southwest, now Amber University; and

24 WHEREAS, His outstanding efforts have earned him the first

1 Small Business Award from the local chamber of commerce, the board
2 of trustees service award from Grand Prairie ISD, and recognition
3 as a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson also has a sterling record of service
5 and civic involvement; earning the prestigious Lady Bird Johnson
6 Award and the Grand Prairie Bar Association's Liberty Bell
7 Outstanding Citizen Award, she has given of her time and talents to
8 such organizations as the PTA, the Grand Prairie Federation of
9 Women's Clubs, the Grand Prairie Historical Organization, and the
10 Grand Prairie Garden Club, to name a few; and

11 WHEREAS, A registered professional parliamentarian and a
12 member of the Grand Prairie City Council, she has served as the
13 first woman to be mayor pro tempore of the Grand Prairie City
14 Council, as the first woman president of the Grand Prairie Chamber
15 of Commerce, as president of Soroptimist International of Grand
16 Prairie, and as state president of Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc.; and

17 WHEREAS, Together, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were acknowledged by
18 the City of Grand Prairie, which renamed an outdoor learning center
19 in the couple's honor, and their gracious and enduring volunteerism
20 has led to many other recognitions and has gained the deep gratitude
21 of countless people who have benefited from their work; and

22 WHEREAS, For six decades this devoted couple have nurtured
23 and sustained a special bond, while making lasting contributions to
24 citizens of the Lone Star State, and their loving union and service
25 to others are an inspiration to all who know them; now, therefore,
26 be it

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

1 Legislature hereby congratulate Vernon and Ruthe Jackson on their
2 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
3 continued happiness; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Jackson as an expression of high regard by
6 the Texas House of Representatives.