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H.R. No. 949

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Andrew and Ila Martinez of Huntsville are
2 celebrating a special milestone in their lives on May 27, 2005, for
3 that date marks the joyous occasion of their golden wedding
4 anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Martinez met in October 1954 and were
6 married the following spring on May 27, 1955; their enduring union
7 has been blessed with three children, Debbie, Andrea, and Russell,
8 and they have also shared in the joy of welcoming a beloved
9 granddaughter, Angela, into their close-knit family; and

10 WHEREAS, Valued members of the Huntsville community for much
11 of their marriage, Mr. Martinez owned his own business, Martinez
12 Tire and Supply, served on the Huntsville City Council in the early
13 1970s, and later became active in the insurance industry, while
14 Mrs. Martinez worked in the family restaurant and nurtured the
15 children throughout their younger years; and

16 WHEREAS, Together, Mr. and Mrs. Martinez have played an
17 active role in Republican politics since 1988; Mr. Martinez served
18 the party as Republican county chair from 1996 to 2000, and Mrs.
19 Martinez has served as an officer at every level of the Walker
20 County Republican Women's Club, including as the group's president
21 from 1998 to 2000; and

22 WHEREAS, Congregants of Second Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs.
23 Martinez continue to serve their community in a variety of ways; Mr.
24 Martinez, an ordained Baptist minister, has remained active in the

1 Shriners and the Lions Club and is a trustee of the Gulf Coast
2 Trades Center and a member of the Trinity River Authority; Mrs.
3 Martinez belongs to a local chapter of the Red Hat Society and
4 volunteers for the HEARTS Veterans Museum; and

5 WHEREAS, For half a century, Andrew and Ila Martinez have
6 provided a good life for their family, given back to the community,
7 and cherished their bond of love, and it is a privilege to honor
8 them for all that they have accomplished during their years of
9 marriage; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Andrew and Ila Martinez on the
12 memorable occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to
13 them warmest best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Martinez as an expression of high regard
17 by the Texas House of Representatives.