

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Five decades of marriage is truly reason for
2 celebration, and on April 23, 2005, Jim and Mary King of Brownsville
3 are observing this memorable milestone with a renewal of their
4 wedding vows at St. Mary's Catholic Church, followed by a reception
5 hosted by their family; and

6 WHEREAS, James Joseph King, Jr., and Mary Catherine Byrne met
7 in an American history class at Lillis High School in Kansas City,
8 Missouri; their friendship was interrupted with Mr. King's
9 enlistment in the U.S. Air Force and training in San Antonio, but a
10 fortuitous transfer to Topeka, Kansas, brought him within 70 miles
11 of his sweetheart in Kansas City, where she attended business
12 school and was employed with Lowe and Campbell; and

13 WHEREAS, After they resumed dating, the young couple enjoyed
14 dancing to big band music at the Playmore Ball Room and attending
15 the Starlight Theater in Swope Park; their Thanksgiving 1954
16 engagement was followed with an April wedding and a honeymoon in
17 Washington, D.C., and the Great Smoky Mountains; and

18 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. and Mrs. King have been
19 richly blessed with a cherished family that includes six children
20 and their spouses, Karen and Allan Jensen, Kathy and David
21 Wolfgang, Jim King, Michelle and Jerry Foy, David and Anne Marie
22 King, and Colleen and Tom Kimbriel, 15 grandchildren, and one
23 great-granddaughter; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. King has been a devoted homemaker throughout

1 her marriage, as well as being employed outside the home; since her
2 retirement, she has become a valued community volunteer, including
3 giving of her time to the Valley Baptist Medical Center in
4 Harlingen; and

5 WHEREAS, Following his military service, Mr. King took
6 advantage of his G.I. Bill benefits to study accounting and
7 economics at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri; today, he
8 is semi-retired with Houston-based E-Tel, as an electrical
9 manufacturer's representative; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, the
11 Kings have lived in Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota during their
12 marriage, and they have admired our nation's natural beauty by
13 visiting some of its impressive national parks; and

14 WHEREAS, For half a century, Mr. and Mrs. King, strengthened
15 by their abiding faith and mutual love for each other, have shared
16 the joys and challenges of marriage and parenthood, and it is a
17 distinct pleasure to honor them at this time; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature hereby offer warm congratulations to Jim and Mary King
20 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness;
21 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1185

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1185 was adopted by the House on April 20, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House