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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.