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H.R. No. 1240

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Half a century of marriage is truly cause for
2 celebration, and on January 12, 2005, Louis and Bertilia "Bertie"
3 Pedraza of Houston observed this significant milestone in their
4 life together; and

5 WHEREAS, The couple met at a birthday party for a mutual
6 friend, during which his future bride said of Mr. Pedraza, "That's
7 my man!"; despite the well-meaning advice of friends and family
8 that their Aquarius-Taurus match would be incompatible, Mr. Pedraza
9 and the former Bertie Elizondo were married seven years later at
10 Holy Name Catholic Church in the Bayou City by Father Patrick
11 Flores, who later served as the archbishop of the Diocese of San
12 Antonio before his retirement; and

13 WHEREAS, Since becoming husband and wife, Mr. and Mrs.
14 Pedraza have nurtured a rewarding relationship that has been
15 blessed with three children, Rita Louise Carey, Sylvia Diane
16 Lundberg, and Richard Louis Pedraza, and they have welcomed the
17 joys of grandparenting with the arrival of Tara Messimer, Shawn
18 Ryan Messimer, Aaron Barnum, and Rickie, Bethanie, Lynsie, and
19 Besie Pedraza; and

20 WHEREAS, Now enjoying their well-deserved retirement, Mrs.
21 Pedraza was a dedicated homemaker while her children were growing
22 up, and later accepted a position in the banking industry, while Mr.
23 Pedraza was employed with the Southern Pacific Railroad; and

24 WHEREAS, This devoted couple have shared the many trials and

1 triumphs of five decades of marriage and parenthood, and they are to
2 be commended for their enduring union; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby warmly congratulate Louis and Bertie Pedraza on
5 the happy occasion of their golden wedding anniversary and extend
6 to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the couple as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.