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H.R. No. 1613

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A golden wedding anniversary is truly cause for
2 celebration, and on May 14, 2005, John and Mary Peden of Van are
3 marking this significant milestone in their long and happy union;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This loving couple were joined in matrimony at the
6 Van United Methodist Church on May 14, 1955; devoted to their
7 close-knit family, they are the parents of five children, Debbie
8 Carter, Kim Campbell, Andy Peden, Angie Reed, and the late Scott
9 Peden; they have also welcomed into the fold sons- and
10 daughter-in-law Randy Carter, Jed Campbell, Christi Peden, and
11 Kevin Reed, and 11 grandchildren, Mark, Sheila, Christen, and Scott
12 Carter, Cody and Josh Campbell, Hillary and Hannah Shockley, and
13 Holley, Hope, and Hallye Peden; and

14 WHEREAS, Graduates of Van High School, the couple have been
15 respected and active residents of their East Texas community for
16 decades; Mr. Peden is a longtime member of the local and national
17 branches of the Association of Petroleum Landmen, and he has served
18 on the Van ISD Board of Trustees, on the board of directors of the
19 Van First State Bank, and as a deacon at Pruitt Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Peden, a dedicated mother and homemaker, has
21 served as founding director and first president of the Van ISD
22 Education Foundation and as president of the Van High School Band
23 Parents, the Van PTA, the Van Kiwanis Club, and the Van Chamber of
24 Commerce; currently treasurer of Pruitt Baptist Church, she was

1 honored for her contributions in both 1973 and 1999 by the chamber
2 as Citizen of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, The enduring marriage of John and Mary Peden serves
4 as an inspiration and joy to all who know them, and it is indeed a
5 pleasure to honor them at this time; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate John and Mary Peden on their 50th
8 wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
9 continued happiness; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Peden as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.