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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 51st wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of love
2 and shared experiences, and Claude Richard and Lillian Elise Hazel
3 of Houston celebrated this milestone in their marriage on January
4 28, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hazel and the former Lillian Elise Lightfoot met
6 on a blind date and were joined in matrimony in 1956, at a ceremony
7 held at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Houston; through the
8 years, they have been blessed with seven children, Claude Richard
9 Hazel, Jr., Daphne Locket Hazel Rank, Reese Eric Hazel, Geoffrey
10 John Hazel, Catherine Elise Hazel Wixey, Brian David Hazel, and
11 Sarah Elisabeth Hazel Husbands, as well as 19 grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, A veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Hazel was a
13 lieutenant colonel with the United States Army and earned his law
14 degree from The University of Texas before starting the Pasadena
15 Bail Bond Company and the Liberty Bonding Company; also a graduate
16 of The University of Texas, Mrs. Hazel lovingly raised her seven
17 children and was a bus driver and an English teacher at Faith
18 Christian Academy; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hazel have been active members of the
20 Church of the Redeemer since 1969, and they have served the
21 congregation on prayer ministry teams, as chalice bearers, and on
22 the vestry; supporters of foreign mission work, including an
23 orphanage in Monterrey, Mexico, the Hazels enjoy traveling and have
24 seen the sights of Europe, Korea, and Japan; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hazel have enjoyed 51 years of abiding
2 love and affection for one another, and they are among a select and
3 truly exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a
4 lasting commitment; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives of the 80th
6 Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Claude and Elise Hazel on
7 their 51st wedding anniversary and extend to them best wishes for
8 continued happiness together; and, be it further

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