By: Leibowitz H.R. No. 502

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Alma A. Allen,

2 and her husband, Lawrence A. Allen, Sr., are celebrating their 50th 3 wedding anniversary on February 21, 2007, and they may indeed reflect with joy on the rewarding relationship they have shared 4 5 that has stood the test of time; and WHEREAS, Longtime residents of Houston, Dr. and Mr. Allen 6 were married in the Bayou City in 1957; Mr. Allen currently serves 7 as principal of Jesse Jackson Academy, and Dr. Allen, an 8 educational consultant, has ably served the constituents of House 9 District 131 since her election in 2004; they are both members of 10 the retired teachers' association; and 11 12 WHEREAS, The Allens count among their blessings a fine family 13 with whom they treasure sharing the many special occasions of life; 14 they take justifiable pride in their two very accomplished children, Dr. Patricia K. Allen, who serves as principal of 15 MacGregor Elementary School, and Lawrence A. Allen, Jr., who serves 16 on the State Board of Education and as an administrator for the 17 Houston Independent School District; Dr. and Mr. Allen also delight 18 in the company of their grandchildren, Patrice and Lawrence, who 19 are students at Baylor University, and Ali, Alim, and Norman; and 20 21 WHEREAS, Valued congregants of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 22 Lawrence and Alma Allen have worshipped there for nearly 40 years; in their leisure time, Mr. Allen enjoys fishing and Dr. Allen finds 23 24 great pleasure in gardening; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, This devoted couple's union of half a century is
- 2 eloquent affirmation of the meaning of love and commitment, and we
- 3 join their many friends and admirers in honoring them on this
- 4 special day; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 6 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Alma A. Allen and Lawrence A.
- 7 Allen, Sr., on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and
- 8 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be
- 9 it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for Dr. and Mr. Allen as an expression of high regard by
- 12 the Texas House of Representatives.