

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Edward Harrell and Billie Jean Harden renewed their  
2 wedding vows on January 21, 2007, after 60 years of devotion to one  
3 another; and

4           WHEREAS, The couple grew up together in the small community  
5 of Frog, and began corresponding with one another after Mr. Harden  
6 left to serve in World War II; during his time in uniform, he was one  
7 of the brave soldiers who took part in the Battle of Iwo Jima; and

8           WHEREAS, Married on January 22, 1947, the couple set up  
9 housekeeping in Frog; their union was blessed with the birth of five  
10 children: Harrell, Kirby, Kathy, Steve, and Vickie; with the  
11 passing years, they have also welcomed many grandchildren and  
12 great-grandchildren into the family; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Harden was a resourceful entrepreneur, using his  
14 truck to deliver ice and later to transport workers to the area farm  
15 fields; he was also employed by the local electric company for a  
16 period, but he preferred being his own boss and so started Harden &  
17 Sons Landscaping Service with a partner; and

18           WHEREAS, As a homemaker, Mrs. Harden emphasized education for  
19 her daughters and made sure her sons knew how to cook and clean; she  
20 grew her own vegetables and was well known for baking desserts as  
21 well as hosting neighborhood gatherings at the Harden home; and

22           WHEREAS, Deeply religious people, Mr. and Mrs. Harden were  
23 both active members of the congregation at the Elmo Church of God in  
24 Christ; Mr. Harden was a Sunday school superintendent and Youth

1 Action coordinator, and Mrs. Harden served as a teacher of a junior  
2 children's class and coproducer of the church's much-loved Easter  
3 plays; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Harden recently began his own place of worship,  
5 the House of Prayer Church in Wills Point; he serves as pastor with  
6 the continuing support of Mrs. Harden, and they both minister in  
7 nursing homes weekly, as they have done for three decades; and

8 WHEREAS, One of the highlights of the Hardens' life together  
9 was their trip to the Middle East, where they had the pleasure of  
10 visiting some of the sites mentioned in the Bible, and they brought  
11 back many souvenirs and cherished books from their journey; and

12 WHEREAS, This devoted couple have nurtured a strong bond of  
13 love, faith, and mutual respect for six decades, and it is an honor  
14 to join with them in celebrating the richness of their life  
15 together; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That Edward and Billie Harden be congratulated on  
17 60 rewarding years of marriage and that they be extended best wishes  
18 for continued happiness together.

Brown of Kaufman

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1258 was adopted by the House on April 13, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House