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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 50th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of love
2 and shared experiences, and Robert and Claudia Batts of Dallas are
3 celebrating this joyous milestone in their marriage on April 7,
4 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Batts were joined in matrimony in 1957
6 at a ceremony held in Clarence, Louisiana; through the years, they
7 have been blessed with a treasured family that includes a daughter,
8 Lucretia Batts Hammond and her husband, Martin, as well as a beloved
9 grandson, Charles Martin Hammond; and

10 WHEREAS, Respected members of their community, Mr. Batts is a
11 retired welder and Mrs. Batts is a cosmetologist; in addition to
12 meeting their work and family responsibilities, they have been
13 valued members of Community First Baptist Church for 39 years, with
14 Mr. Batts serving as a deacon and Mrs. Batts serving as a deaconess
15 for the congregation; moreover, Mr. Batts is an organizing member
16 of C. H. Gerald Masonic Lodge No. 419, a 32nd degree Mason, and
17 deputy grandmaster of the Jeremiah Lodge; Mrs. Batts is the second
18 vice president of the Texas State Association of Beauty Culturists
19 and shares her time and talents with a number of groups, including
20 the board of directors for the Bluit Flowers CPO Clinic, the
21 American Cancer Society, the South Dallas Business and Professional
22 Women, and Theta Nu Sigma National Sorority; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Batts have enjoyed five decades of
24 abiding love and affection for one another, and they are among an

1 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
2 commitment; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Robert and Claudia Batts on their
5 golden wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes
6 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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