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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 the Reverend Norvell Allen and Opal
3 Allen are celebrating this joyous milestone in their marriage on
4 June 18, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend and Mrs. Allen were joined in matrimony in
6 1957 at a ceremony held at the Good Samaritan Baptist Church in
7 Waco; through the years, they have been blessed with a treasured
8 family that includes two children, Robbin and Alma, and their
9 spouses, as well as their grandchildren and great-grandchildren;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A U.S. Army veteran, Reverend Allen worked in the VA
12 Hospital in Waco and later for San Angelo Independent School
13 District; a man of deep faith, he was the assistant pastor of
14 Bethlehem Baptist Church in Big Lake for 32 years and pastor of
15 Mount Zion Baptist Church in Ozona for more than 20 years; in
16 addition, he was a chaplain in the Texas Army National Guard; and

17 WHEREAS, Opal Allen earned her bachelor's degree from Paul
18 Quinn College and her master's degree in education from Angelo
19 State University; beginning in the early 1970s, she taught world
20 history at Central High School, a position she held for 30 years; in
21 addition to fulfilling her family and work responsibilities, she
22 has been an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma and often assisted in
23 her husband's ministries; and

24 WHEREAS, Reverend and Mrs. Allen have enjoyed five decades of

1 abiding love and affection for one another, and they are among an
2 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
3 commitment; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Norvell Allen and Opal
6 Allen on their golden wedding anniversary and extend to them
7 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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