

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 Norris and Martha Barnard of Houston
3 celebrated this joyous milestone in their marriage on May 31, 2008;
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5 WHEREAS, Norris Barnard and the former Martha Faires met on a
6 blind date while attending East Texas State University and were
7 joined in matrimony in 1958 at a ceremony held at the First Baptist
8 Church in Gilmer; through the years, they have been blessed with a
9 treasured family that includes two daughters, Cindy Guerrero and
10 Ginger Hollien, a son-in-law, Gary Hollien, and a granddaughter,
11 Caroline; and

12 WHEREAS, Respected members of their community, Mr. Barnard is
13 retired after 26 years with the Kroger Company and a notable tenure
14 with American General Life Insurance Company and Mrs. Barnard is a
15 retired English and speech teacher; in addition to meeting their
16 work and family responsibilities, they have been active in their
17 neighborhood association and are valued members of White Oak
18 Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, This devoted couple have enjoyed half a century of
20 abiding love and affection for one another, and they are among an
21 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
22 commitment; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor Norris and Martha Barnard on their 50th

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1 wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
2 continued happiness; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Barnard as an expression of high regard by
5 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 730 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House