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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 Norris and Martha Barnard of Houston  
3 celebrated this joyous milestone in their marriage on May 31, 2008;  
4 and

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.