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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 55th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of love
2 and shared experiences, and Vernon and Clara Harkins of Midland
3 celebrated this joyous event in their marriage on January 30, 2009;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Vernon Harkins and the former Clara Crocker were
6 joined in matrimony in 1954, at a ceremony held in Fort Sumner, New
7 Mexico; they have since shared a fulfilling marriage and raised
8 five beloved children, David Harkins, Becki Tomamichel, Julie Cobb,
9 Johanna Elmore, and the late Brenda Saunders; with the passing
10 years, they have welcomed the addition of 11 grandchildren and 10
11 great-grandchildren into their family; and

12 WHEREAS, Respected members of their community, the couple
13 followed employment opportunities for Mr. Harkins in the oil
14 industry and lived in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Odessa
15 before settling in Midland; his career included work with Shell Oil
16 Company and TXO Production, from which he retired after 17 years;
17 Mrs. Harkins is a dedicated homemaker who has won awards as a
18 talented doll maker; together they are valued congregants of First
19 United Pentecostal Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harkins have enjoyed 5-1/2 decades of
21 abiding love and affection for one another, and they are among an
22 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
23 commitment; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Vernon and Clara Harkins on their
2 55th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
3 continued happiness; and, be it further

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