

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 70th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of love
2 and shared experiences, and Henry and Sammie Dishongh of Point
3 celebrated this joyous milestone in their marriage on February 17,
4 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Their romance began in late 1938, at Citizens State
6 Bank in Houston, where customer Sammie Sturgis Anderson was smitten
7 with the handsome young teller, Wilmer Henry Dishongh; a formal
8 introduction by a mutual friend led to their first date--a movie and
9 a hamburger at the Princess Drive-in; love soon blossomed and on
10 February 17, 1939, Mr. Dishongh and Miss Anderson were married in
11 nearby Rosenberg; and

12 WHEREAS, In the early years of their marriage, Mrs. Dishongh
13 volunteered with her church and the American Red Cross; as their
14 family grew to eventually include four daughters, she focused on
15 her work as a mother and homemaker; in 1968, she became the owner
16 and sole operator of Point Insurance Agency and enjoyed a 40-year
17 career with that company until her retirement in January 2009; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dishongh joined the U.S. Navy in 1944, and when
19 he returned home the next year, he moved his family to Lake Jackson,
20 where he held the position of vice president and later, president,
21 of Lake Jackson State Bank; following several moves within Texas
22 and Louisiana, they settled in Point in 1968; there, Mr. Dishongh
23 became president, CEO, and owner of the First State Bank of Point
24 and later worked for AAA Wire and as a consultant, until his

1 retirement in 1982; he also served the citizens of Point as mayor,
2 taking an active role in many expansion projects within the city,
3 and in 2008 he was honored as the community's oldest World War II
4 veteran; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Dishongh have both fully participated
6 in civic life, volunteering with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Lions
7 Club, and the Order of the Eastern Star, which Mrs. Dishongh has
8 served as Worthy Matron; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, the couple delight in their treasured family,
10 which includes their daughters, Patricia Ann, Mary Lynn, Nancy Jo,
11 and Sandra Kay, as well as eight grandchildren and eight
12 great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Dishongh have enjoyed seven decades of
14 abiding love and affection for one another, and they are among an
15 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
16 commitment; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Henry and Sammie Dishongh on their
19 70th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
20 continued happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Dishongh as an expression of high regard
23 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 946

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 946 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House