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RESOLUTION

Τ	WHEREAS, An inspiring couple whose lives have been enhanced
2	by a great and enduring love, Novert and Mary Merino of Midland
3	celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on January 31, 2009; and
4	WHEREAS, Novert Merino and the former Mary Espinoza were
5	united in matrimony on that special day in 1944 at a ceremony held
6	in Bastrop; through the decades, they have nurtured a fulfilling
7	marriage that has been made even richer with each passing year; and
8	WHEREAS, Mr. Merino worked for Colorama Company and
9	Renditions I, formerly Town and Country Decorators, for many years
10	until his retirement; Mrs. Merino retired as a seamstress for
11	Dunlap's after a career that spanned 32 years; the couple are active
12	members in the Baptist Church; and
13	WHEREAS, While much has changed in the world over the past 65
14	years, this devoted husband and wife have remained constant in
15	their commitment to one another, and the strength of their love has
16	enabled them to meet life's challenges with grace and optimism;
17	now, therefore, be it
18	RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19	Legislature hereby congratulate Novert and Mary Merino on the
20	occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary and extend to them
21	sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further
22	RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23	prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Merino as an expression of high regard by

24 the Texas House of Representatives.