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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, An inspiring couple whose lives have been enhanced
- 2 by a great and enduring love, Al and Mary Helen Dees of Waco
- 3 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 5, 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Al Dees and the former Mary Helen Tate were united in
- 5 matrimony at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Waco on that special day in
- 6 1958; through the years, they have nurtured a fulfilling marriage
- 7 that has been made even richer with the addition of two children,
- 8 Vicki and Clay, and two granddaughters, Ashley Roberts and Raven
- 9 Dees; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Dees worked for Owens-Illinois for 40 years
- 11 before his retirement; Mrs. Dees devoted her attention to her
- 12 family while her children were young and later co-owned Mary's
- 13 Sugar and Spice Bakery; the couple enjoy a longtime membership at
- 14 the Family of Faith Church of the Nazarene; and
- WHEREAS, While much has changed in the world over the past
- 16 half-century, this devoted husband and wife have remained constant
- 17 in their commitment to one another, and the strength of their love
- 18 has enabled them to meet life's challenges with grace and optimism;
- 19 now, therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 21 Legislature hereby congratulate Al and Mary Helen Dees on the
- 22 occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them
- 23 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further
- 24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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- $1\,\,$  prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Dees as an expression of high regard by
- 2 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1523 was adopted by the House on April 30, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House