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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

WHEREAS, Al Dees and the former Mary Helen Tate were united in matrimony at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Waco on that special day in 1958; through the years, they have nurtured a fulfilling marriage that has been made even richer with the addition of two children, Vicki and Clay, and two granddaughters, Ashley Roberts and Raven Dees; and

10 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

15 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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prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Dees as an expression of high regard by
the Texas House of Representatives.