

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Horace and Alto West of Houston celebrated their  
2 70th wedding anniversary on April 16, 2009, and they may indeed  
3 reflect with joy on the rewarding relationship they have shared;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Natives of the Brownwood area, Horace West and the  
6 former Alto Turpin exchanged the vows of matrimony at a ceremony  
7 held in Pecos on that special day in 1939, and over the course of  
8 their marriage, they have found in each other a loving life partner;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. West count among their blessings a fine  
11 family that includes two daughters, Dr. Charlene Gibert and her  
12 husband, Wayne, and Sujane Baker and her husband, Olen, as well as  
13 four grandchildren, Charla Hollingsworth, Christine Gibert, Dr.  
14 Chris Baker, and Phil Baker and his wife, Stephanie; and

15           WHEREAS, The couple lived in Fort Stockton, Fort Worth,  
16 Dublin, and McCamey before settling in Rankin in 1954; Mr. West  
17 enjoyed a career with Halliburton and also served on the hospital  
18 board, while Mrs. West volunteered with the hospital auxiliary;  
19 after Mr. West's retirement in 1970, he and his wife moved to San  
20 Angelo, where Mr. West was employed with Angelo Truck and Tractor  
21 and later Angelo State University; the Wests moved to Houston in  
22 2005 to be near their family; and

23           WHEREAS, Devout Baptists, they were congregants of First  
24 Baptist Church of Rankin for 22 years and in San Angelo joined

1 Harris Avenue Baptist Church; Mr. West has been a deacon since 1941,  
2 and Mrs. West taught junior girls Sunday school and a kindergarten  
3 class for many years, and they were instrumental in facilitating  
4 the integration of their church in Rankin in 1962; in addition to  
5 contributing to their community of faith, Mr. West is a 50-plus year  
6 Mason, and Mrs. West is a member of the Daughters of the American  
7 Revolution; and

8       WHEREAS, For seven decades, Horace and Alto West have brought  
9 to their marriage laughter, kindness, and devotion, and it is a  
10 pleasure to honor them for their enduring commitment; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Horace and Alto West on their 70th  
14 wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
15 continued happiness; and, be it further

16       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. West as an expression of high regard by  
18 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1813

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1813 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House