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H.R. No. 1813

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.