

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

**WHEREAS**, When they married many years ago, Charlene and Earl Long placed great faith and trust in one another, and they have been amply rewarded, as they are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Earl Long and Frances Charlene Vaught were struck by love at first sight and were married on February 5, 1954; the world has changed considerably during the years of their marriage, yet Mr. and Mrs. Long have continued to cherish traditional family values; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, they have grown stronger in their love and devotion as together they have experienced the joys and sorrows of everyday living; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. and Mrs. Long have been blessed with a wonderful family; their sons, Dwight Earl and Richard Eugene, their grandchildren, Randy and Erin, and their "adopted" daughter, Charlotte Ann, have been a source of much pride and joy; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl had a long and productive career with the Shell Development Company, where he played a significant role in the development of several important medical procedures; Charlene is an acknowledged world-class needlepoint designer and has been active in numerous civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Lake Conroe Area Republican Women; and

**WHEREAS**, The long and happy union of Mr. and Mrs. Long is truly an inspiration to us all; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Long on their 55th wedding anniversary; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this distinguished couple as a memento of this special day in their lives.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on January 27, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate