

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A golden wedding anniversary is a celebration of  
2 love that has stood the test of time, and five decades after that  
3 special day in 1961, Eddie and Joan Blackwell of Abilene continue to  
4 bring out the best in one another and to inspire all who share in the  
5 richness of their lives; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell attended Borger High School, where he  
7 played for the Bulldogs football team, and he subsequently served  
8 as a member of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War; Mrs.  
9 Blackwell was an athlete in her own right for the Hamlin Pied Pipers  
10 basketball team at Hamlin High School, and she enjoyed the music of  
11 Elvis Presley out of earshot of her father; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell were joined in matrimony on  
13 April 29, 1961, at a ceremony held in Hamlin; the couple spent their  
14 honeymoon at the Century Lodge in Abilene and shared their first  
15 meal together as husband and wife at the famous Dixie Pig  
16 restaurant; nine months and one week later, they welcomed a son,  
17 Mike, into their family, which eventually grew to include a  
18 daughter, Debra, as well; today they also enjoy the love and support  
19 of a daughter-in-law, Angie Blackwell, a son-in-law, Craig  
20 McCright, eight grandchildren, Michael, Abbie, Tess, and Miles  
21 Blackwell, Shanell Whipple, and Justin, Ashton, and Meagan  
22 McCright, and two great-grandchildren, Phoenix and Jaxon Whipple;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, Respected members of their community, Mr. and Mrs.

1 Blackwell still reside in the home they purchased in 1965 for  
2 \$6,400; and

3 WHEREAS, For five decades, Eddie and Joan Blackwell have  
4 brought to their marriage kindness and devotion, and it is a  
5 pleasure to honor them for their enduring commitment; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Eddie and Joan Blackwell on the  
9 occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them  
10 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the couple as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
13 House of Representatives.

King of Taylor

H.R. No. 1574

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1574 was adopted by the House on April 29, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House