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H.R. No. 2033

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, George and Mary Virginia Holekamp of Kerrville
2 observed a special milestone in their lives with the celebration of
3 their 60th wedding anniversary on May 5, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Although they both graduated from Tivy High School
5 in 1944, George Allen Holekamp and the former Mary Virginia Stevens
6 did not meet until several years later; they began their courtship
7 while Ms. Stevens was attending The University of Texas, and their
8 romance continued after she graduated and moved to Dallas to work as
9 a chemist; whenever he could find a free moment away from his farm
10 on Fall Creek near Kerrville, Mr. Holekamp would drive to Dallas to
11 visit Ms. Stevens; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Holekamp were joined in matrimony in
13 1951 at a ceremony held at the Presbyterian Church in Harper; over
14 the years, they have been blessed with a treasured family that
15 includes 5 children, as well as 12 grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Lifelong stewards of the land, Mr. and Mrs. Holekamp
17 were taught how to farm and ranch by their parents at an early age,
18 and they continue to raise cattle and harvest hay in the Kerrville
19 area; in 2004, the couple were honored with the Family Land Heritage
20 100 Year Award from the Texas Department of Agriculture; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Holekamp has held a seat on the Natural
22 Resources Conservation Service Board of Directors for more than 50
23 years, and he also presently chairs the board of directors of the
24 Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District; in addition, he

1 is a past president and founding member of the Hill Country District
2 Livestock Show Association; throughout his life, he has dedicated
3 himself to using the most progressive farming techniques in an
4 effort to improve the land and conserve water; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Holekamp formerly served on the board of
6 directors for the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, and she was a
7 member of the Tivy Elementary PTA from 1959 to 1980; politically
8 active, she has helped promote candidates for office who support
9 responsible government and free enterprise and who understand the
10 importance of the agricultural industry to the nation's economy;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The 60 years of marriage that Mr. and Mrs. Holekamp
13 have shared is eloquent affirmation of the meaning of love and
14 commitment, and their enduring union is an inspiration to all who
15 know them; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate George and Mary Virginia Holekamp
18 on their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best
19 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Holekamp as an expression of high regard
22 by the Texas House of Representatives.