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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A 60th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of 2 mutual devotion and shared experiences, and Dale and Frankie 3 Merrick of Lamesa celebrated this joyous milestone in their 4 marriage on December 30, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, After graduating from O'Donnell High School, Dale 6 Merrick served in the U.S. Navy during World War II; the former 7 Frankie Singleton grew up in Martin County and attended Klondike 8 High School, where she met Mr. Merrick when he performed with a band 9 during the intermission of the school's senior play; the couple 10 were joined in matrimony at Robert's Chapel in Lamesa in 1952; and

11 WHEREAS, Respected members of their community, Mr. and Mrs. 12 Merrick were farmers for more than half a century until their 13 retirement; they are also talented musicians, performing together 14 on the fiddle and the guitar at events across the Panhandle and in 15 eastern New Mexico; they attend First United Methodist Church in 16 Lamesa; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Merrick have enjoyed six decades of abiding love and affection for each other, and they are among an exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Dale and Frankie Merrick on their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Merrick as an expression of high regard by
3 the Texas House of Representatives.