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H.R. No. 452

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gwenn and Orville Odom of Beaumont celebrated their
2 50th wedding anniversary on February 2, 2013, and they may indeed
3 reflect with joy on the rewarding relationship they have shared;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Apple Springs, Orville Neil Odom was
6 completing his last year at the University of Houston pharmacy
7 school when he met Gwenn Gabbert on a blind date in 1962; the pair
8 enjoyed a summer courtship before he proposed to her along the
9 Angelina River that October, and they were married the following
10 February at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Lake
11 Charles, Louisiana, the bride's hometown; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Odom earned his bachelor's degree in pharmacy
13 shortly thereafter and was hired by Smith's Pharmacy in Beaumont,
14 where the couple settled; in his free time, Mr. Odom has enjoyed
15 playing golf and participating in the Rotary Club, the chamber of
16 commerce, and the Masons; Mrs. Odom has dedicated herself to her
17 family and her community throughout their marriage; the former
18 president of the Beaumont Symphony Ladies Society, the Chi Omega
19 Alumnae Association, and the Beaumont Civic Ballet Society, she has
20 also served as an executive board member with the Beaumont Art
21 Museum and as recording secretary for the Windsor Park Homeowners
22 Association; and

23 WHEREAS, The great joys in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Odom are
24 their daughter, Allison Claire Pringle, and her husband Richard,

1 their son, Scott Thomas Odom, and their grandchildren, Claire,
2 Catherine, and Mary; and

3 WHEREAS, For half a century, Gwenn and Orville Odom have
4 brought to their marriage laughter, kindness, and devotion, and it
5 is a pleasure to honor them for their enduring commitment; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Gwenn and Orville Odom on their
9 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
10 continued happiness; and, be it further

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