

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 988

WHEREAS, When they married many years ago, Detta and Donnie Haffelder placed great faith and trust in one another, and they have been amply rewarded, as they are now celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Lora Detta Gibson and William Donn Haffelder were married on June 11, 1963, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Austin; and

WHEREAS, When introduced to Detta at Barton Springs Pool, Donnie was "struck by the thunderbolt" that triggered a 50-year love affair; since that day, their love and devotion have only grown stronger as together they have experienced the joys of their companionship and their great affection for one another; and

WHEREAS, Detta and Donnie have been blessed with a wonderful family; their children, Lisa Haffelder and William David Haffelder, and their grandchildren, Austin Kyle Donalson and William Dylan Haffelder, have been a source of much pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, After many years of working in different professions, both Detta and Donnie ended up working for the Texas Senate, where they are respected and beloved by all who have had the privilege of knowing them; on the day of their anniversary celebration, in keeping with Detta's rule never to leave Texas, they have chosen to eat pie at the Blue Bonnet Café in Marble Falls in lieu of a world cruise; and

WHEREAS, The great love, kindness, laughter, and mutual affection that Detta and Donnie have shared for these many years is truly an inspiration to us all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere congratulations to Detta and Donnie Haffelder on their 50th 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 and as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate