## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sharing a deep bond of love that has spanned five decades, Jim and Linda Parker of Golden are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Born in Orange, Linda Carol Hughes grew up in Golden, and after graduating from Alba-Golden High School in 1962, she attended business school and went to work in Tyler; Jim Parker was born in Dallas, graduated from high school in Anton in 1962, and studied at Jacksonville College; and

WHEREAS, The couple met at the Piggly Wiggly in Mineola in October of 1964, and after their first date eight days later, Mr. Parker ordered a ring; the couple were engaged by December, and they were married the following April at Golden Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, For 41 years, the couple have lived near the farm where Mrs. Parker grew up, and Mr. Parker served as the pastor of Sand Springs Baptist Church for three decades before retiring; they count among their blessings a fine family that includes three children, James Parker, Rhonda Gonzalez, and Alice Harpold, 15 grandchildren, Tamela, Julia, Anna, Olivia, Gavin, Jacob, Nick, Adrian, Ryan, Emily, Elena, Alyssa, Cody, Paige, and Mitchell, and a great-grandchild, Isaac; and

WHEREAS, Looking back over the past 50 years, Jim and Linda Parker can savor a wealth of cherished family memories and know that the strength of their love and commitment ensures that many more joyful times await them; now, therefore, be it

2 Legislature hereby congratulate Jim and Linda Parker on their 3 golden wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

