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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Johnny and Loretta Williams of Houston are
2 celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2015, and
3 they may indeed reflect with joy on the rewarding relationship they
4 have shared; and

5 WHEREAS, Johnny E. Williams and the former Loretta
6 M. Thompson met in 1962 on the campus of Texas Southern University,
7 where they were students in the School of Business; their romance
8 flourished even though he lived in the Fourth Ward and she lived in
9 the Fifth, and neither owned a car; frequently, he rode the bus to
10 see her, but since it stopped running at midnight, he often had to
11 resort to thumbing a ride or else walk the more than eight miles
12 back home; sometimes his lifelong friend, Bobby Merchant, served as
13 his driver, anticipating the advent of Uber; when necessary,
14 Mr. Williams settled for calling his sweetheart from the pay phone
15 in the emergency room across from his house, gamely conducting a
16 conversation with sirens wailing in the background; and

17 WHEREAS, On May 30, 1965, the couple graduated, and they
18 married a week later; they eventually became the proud parents of
19 two children, Byron and Kimberly, and over the years they made their
20 home in a number of cities across the country; today, they are well
21 settled, but their journey is far from complete, because
22 Mrs. Williams is not yet satisfied that she has successfully raised
23 her husband, and she is prepared to commit an undetermined number of
24 years to his further upbringing; and

1 WHEREAS, For half a century, Johnny and Loretta Williams have
2 brought to their marriage laughter, kindness, and devotion, and it
3 is a pleasure to honor them for their enduring commitment to one
4 another; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Johnny and Loretta Williams on
7 their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best
8 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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