

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

**WHEREAS**, When they married many years ago, Lew Simmonds and Pat Kowalik made a lifetime commitment to one another, and their mutual trust has been amply rewarded, for they are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 12, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Lew and Pat met and fell in love when they were students at Southwest Texas State University; they were married on August 12, 1967, at the historic Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Panna Maria, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds had long and successful careers in the Texas public school system, and over the years, they greatly influenced the lives of many young Texans; and

**WHEREAS**, The devoted couple has been blessed with a wonderful family; their three children and eight grandchildren are a source of immense pride and joy; and

**WHEREAS**, The world has changed considerably in the years of their marriage, yet Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds continue to cherish the traditional values and strong Christian faith that helped inspire their bond long ago; the love they share is truly an inspiration to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Lew and Pat Simmonds on their golden wedding anniversary and extend to them best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as a memento of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on July 18, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate