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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 65th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of
2 mutual devotion and shared experiences, and James and Oneida Stiles
3 of Graham celebrated this joyous milestone in their marriage on
4 September 2, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, James Stiles and the former Oneida Milford were
6 joined in matrimony in 1951 at a ceremony held at the First Baptist
7 Church in Wichita Falls; through the years, they have been blessed
8 with a treasured family that includes their children, Becky Sue
9 Callison and her husband, Ed, and John Stiles and his wife, Letha,
10 as well as a granddaughter, Reina Johnson, and her husband, Todd,
11 and two great-grandchildren, Brinly and Landry Johnson; and

12 WHEREAS, An air force veteran, Mr. Stiles attended Oklahoma
13 Baptist University and received degrees in the arts and in divinity
14 from Southwestern Baptist Seminary; he has pastored churches in
15 Texas and Oklahoma for 65 years; Mrs. Stiles attended Oklahoma
16 Baptist University and the University of North Texas and served
17 alongside her husband as a missionary in Colombia for 10 years;
18 today, the couple are congregants at First Baptist Church of
19 Graham, and they count flying and amateur radio among their
20 interests; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles have enjoyed six and a half
22 decades of abiding love and affection for each other, and they are
23 among an exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a
24 lasting commitment; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate James and Oneida Stiles on their
3 65th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
4 continued happiness; and, be it further

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