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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 Garrett and Barbara
3 Smith of Athens celebrated this joyous milestone in their marriage
4 on May 1, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were joined in matrimony on that
6 memorable day in 1952 at a courthouse in Dallas; over the years,
7 they have been blessed with a treasured family that includes their
8 three children, Wanda, Garrett, and John, as well as their four
9 grandchildren, Aubrey, Jacob, Ben, and Ali, and four
10 great-grandchildren, Cross, Caleb, Coby, and Annie; and

11 WHEREAS, Respected members of the Athens community, the
12 couple spent the first 26 years of their marriage moving frequently
13 to accommodate Mr. Smith's military service with the U.S. Navy, and
14 they resided in Connecticut, Virginia, California, and
15 Massachusetts before returning to Texas; Mr. Smith retired from a
16 second career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in
17 1988, and Mrs. Smith enjoyed a notable tenure as a director for Mary
18 Kay; and

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

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Garrett and Barbara Smith on their

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1 65th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
2 continued happiness; and, be it further

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