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H.R. No. 2372

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, July 15, 2017, marks the 65th wedding anniversary of
2 Jim and Joan McLaughlin of El Paso, and this joyous event provides a
3 fitting opportunity to reflect on their rewarding journey together
4 as husband and wife; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim McLaughlin and the former Joan Donovan were
6 joined in matrimony on that memorable day in 1952 at New Post Chapel
7 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; over the years, they have watched their
8 treasured family grow to include five children, Jim McLaughlin Jr.
9 and his wife, Kathy, Robert McLaughlin and his wife, Colleen, Kathy
10 McLaughlin, Laurie O'Beirne and her husband, Patrick, and Mauri
11 Howell and her husband, David, and they have welcomed 14 beloved
12 grandchildren into their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, Valued residents of El Paso for more than 50 years,
14 the couple have given generously of their time and talents to many
15 local civic organizations; Mr. McLaughlin retired from the U.S.
16 Army as a lieutenant colonel, and his efforts in behalf of his
17 fellow Texans have included chairing the El Paso Mountain
18 Committee, starting the Central District Civic Association, and
19 serving the William Beaumont Army Medical Center Catholic Church
20 community; additionally, he has chaired the El Paso Police
21 Department's Citizen Advisory Commission and held membership on the
22 Civic Center board; Mrs. McLaughlin has contributed to the
23 important work of such groups as the Assistance League of El Paso,
24 the Woman's Club of El Paso, and the Women's Chamber of Commerce;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The six and a half decades of marriage that Mr. and
3 Mrs. McLaughlin have shared is eloquent affirmation of the meaning
4 of love and commitment, and their enduring union is an inspiration
5 to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Jim and Joan McLaughlin on their
8 65th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
9 continued happiness; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the couple as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.