

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

**WHEREAS**, An inspiring couple whose lives have been enhanced by a great and enduring love, Johnny and Bonnie Cates of Quitman are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary on April 7, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, On that memorable day in 1955, high school sweethearts Johnny Cates and the former Bonnie Williams were joined in matrimony in a ceremony held at the First Baptist Church of Gilmer; over the years, they became the parents of four children, Steve, Amanda, Laura Lee, and the late Scott Cates, and today their fine family has grown to include two additional generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Valued residents of Quitman since 1970, the couple are now both retired; Mr. Cates served as a colonel in the Texas National Guard and Reserve and worked for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, while Mrs. Cates enjoyed a notable career with the Quitman Independent School District; and

**WHEREAS**, While much has changed in the world over the past 62 years, this devoted husband and wife have remained constant in their commitment to each other, and the strength of their love has enabled them to meet life's challenges and opportunities with grace and optimism; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby congratulate Johnny and Bonnie Cates on the occasion of their 62nd wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the couple as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 6, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate