HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

September 6, 2019, marks the 50th wedding 1 WHEREAS, anniversary of Representative Tom Craddick and Nadine Craddick, and 2 3 this joyous event provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on their remarkable journey together as husband and wife; and 4 WHEREAS, Tom Craddick and the former Nadine Nayfa met in the 5 library at Texas Tech University, where they both were students; 6 7 Tom earned his bachelor's degree in business and his MBA from Texas Tech, and Nadine completed her bachelor's degree in education at 8 the university; in 1969, Nadine began teaching while Tom began his 9 first term in the Texas House, and as the pair looked forward to 10 their September wedding date, they found that the obligations of 11 the Texas Legislature can interfere with the best-laid plans; the 12 governor called two consecutive special sessions that summer, the 13 14 second of which didn't end until three days after their wedding date, and although the ceremony proceeded, their honeymoon was 15 delayed; so began their rewarding marriage, and in the years that 16 followed, the Craddicks welcomed the arrival of two children, 17 18 Christi and Thomas, while working tirelessly together in behalf of 19 their community and the Lone Star State; and 20 WHEREAS, Representative Craddick made state history in 2003, 21 when he became the first Republican speaker of the House in over 130 22 years; he served in that role until 2009, and during his tenure, the \$10 billion budget shortfall was transformed into a surplus of 23 24 equal size; moreover, the legislature passed landmark tort reform

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and the largest property tax cut in state history; his commitment to 2 higher education has greatly benefited such institutions as Midland College, The University of Texas Permian Basin, and the Texas Tech 3 University Health Sciences Center; in addition, he has helped 4 effect far-reaching developments in the areas of energy, health 5 care, mental health, transportation infrastructure, 6 prevention of distracted driving; he is also a respected member of 7 8 the business community as owner of Craddick Properties and president of Craddick Incorporated and as a sales representative 9 10 for Anchor Drilling Fluids USA; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Craddick has served Midland in a host of 11 12 leadership roles over the years, among them chair of the Midland 13 Chamber of Commerce and charter member of the Council Against Substance Abuse and the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance 14 board; furthermore, she helped found Midland County Families in 15 Action and was a member of the Midland Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory 16 Board; at the state level, she served on the Governor's Commission 17 for Women and as First Lady of the Texas House, she raised private 18 19 funds for the renovation of the Speaker's Apartment and Members 20 Lounge and oversaw the project; the Texas Historical Commission 21 recognized her efforts with the prestigious Chairman's Award; a sustaining member of the Republican Women's Club, she has been very 22 active in the party, serving as a state delegate since 1971; she is 23 employed as vice president and secretary of Craddick Incorporated; 24 25 and

WHEREAS, Widely admired for their philanthropy, the Craddicks have established the Tom and Nadine Craddick Presidential

- 1 Scholarship Endowment at Texas Tech, the Nadine and Tom Craddick
- 2 Distinguished Chair in Medical Science at The University of Texas
- 3 Southwestern Medical Center, and the Nadine Craddick Endowment Fund
- 4 at Midland Memorial Hospital; active in their faith community as
- 5 well, they have received papal recognition as members of the
- 6 Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; and
- WHEREAS, Through the years, the Craddicks have been blessed
- 8 with three grandchildren, Thomas, Claire, and Catherine; the couple
- 9 enjoy spending time with their cherished family at their Horseshoe
- 10 Bay retreat, and they love to travel, expand their knowledge, and
- 11 explore their love of art; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The half century of marriage that Tom and Nadine
- 13 Craddick have shared is eloquent affirmation of the meaning of
- 14 love, and the strength of their union and of their commitment to the
- 15 greater good is an inspiration to all who know them; now, therefore,
- 16 be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 18 hereby congratulate Tom and Nadine Craddick on their 50th wedding
- 19 anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
- 20 happiness; and, be it further
- 21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 22 prepared for the Craddicks as an expression of high regard by the
- 23 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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I certify that H.C.R. No. 180 was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2019, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

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