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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The institution of marriage is one of the
3 cornerstones upon which our society is built, and a marriage
4 that has achieved a notable longevity is truly a model for the
5 people of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
7 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Joseph and Dolores
8 Mendoza of Aurora on the occasion of their 50th wedding
9 anniversary on September 6, 2008; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1947, at the age of ten, Dolores Corralejo came
11 from Mexico to live in Chicago, living on Laflin Street near
12 Little Italy; while living in the neighborhood, she became best
13 friends with Mary Gutierrez, whose older brother Joe caught her
14 eye; she instantly knew that she would marry Joe, but Joe did
15 not share the same feelings at first, being five years her
16 senior and wanting nothing to do with such a young girl; when
17 Dolores was 17, she asked Mary to ask the guys of the
18 neighborhood to find out if Joe was interested in her; a friend
19 came back to tell her that Joe was waiting until Dolores turned
20 18 because once he went out with her it would be for good; and

21 WHEREAS, On September 6, 1958, Joseph Mendoza and Dolores
22 Corralejo were married at the Notre Dame Church in Chicago;

1 their family began growing the following year, with daughters
2 Laura Jean and Loretta Ann born two minutes apart on October
3 13, 1959; their third daughter, Josephine, was born the
4 following year on November 18, 1960; and

5 WHEREAS, In the summer of 1961, the family moved to 1127
6 Douglas Avenue in Aurora, where the couple still resides today;
7 on September 2, 1962, their first son, Joseph Frank, was born;
8 later, two more boys joined the family, James Gregory on April
9 7, 1967 and Michael John on April 17, 1973; and

10 WHEREAS, Joseph and Dolores Mendoza raised all six of their
11 children on the east side of Aurora; Joseph was employed with
12 the Burlington Northern Railroad until his retirement, while
13 Dolores worked for the East Aurora School District; the family
14 was led by example to be of service to others and were always
15 willing to lend a hand at school, church, and organizations
16 such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Lions Club, among
17 others; and

18 WHEREAS, Joseph and Dolores Mendoza's are now fully grown
19 and have blessed them with grandchildren, which they joyfully
20 spoil; they have nine grandsons, Edward, Brian, Andrew,
21 Christopher, Kyle, Timothy, Donald Joseph (deceased), Matthew,
22 and Michael, and four granddaughters, Kathryn, Kristina,
23 Carrie, and Emily; and

1 WHEREAS, The respect for marriage reaches one of its
2 highest plateaus when a couple such as Joseph and Dolores
3 celebrate their golden wedding anniversary; Joseph and Dolores
4 stand as examples of the best of our society, and their love
5 and devotion to each other and to their family and friends
6 serve as a reminder to all that hard work, dedication, and love
7 can make a difference in today's world; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate Joseph and Dolores Mendoza on the occasion of
11 their fiftieth wedding anniversary; that we commend them for
12 achieving a long and happy marriage, blessed with children,
13 grandchildren, and rich in friendships; and that we wish them
14 happiness and good health in the future; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Joseph and Dolores Mendoza as a symbol of our
17 esteem and respect.