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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Landon Jr. and Bobra Jean (Falkner) Walker on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, The Walkers met in Holly Springs, Mississippi and were married on February 1, 1959; they have five children, Brenda (David) Mason, Ricky Walker, Perry Walker, Kerry (Andria) Walker, and Kanefus Walker; six grandsons, DeLandon (Carmen) Mason, Ricky (Angel) Walker, DeVonn Walker, Kerry Walker, Marcellus Walker, and Perry Sibby; four granddaughters, Ameythyst (Kyle) Smith, DeResha Browne, Amber Mason, and Chanelle (Brandon) Randell; and 21 great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, In 1964, the Walkers, with four of their five children, relocated to the southern suburbs of Chicago; Landon began working in the steel industry and Bobra remained a homemaker as their children became old enough to attend school; for the next six years, the family settled in to their community and local surroundings; they found their church home at Christ Temple Community Baptist Church in Markham, purchased their first home in Harvey, and added a new member to their family; and

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1 WHEREAS, Landon and Bobra made sure their family
2 participated in activities or events that included them all; as
3 the kids grew older, Landon became involved in the local
4 political scene while Bobra continued to make a home, not just
5 for her immediate family but for extended family members and
6 friends as well; it is estimated that over 15 different family
7 members and friends resided at their residence at some point in
8 time; and

9 WHEREAS, All five children graduated from Thornridge High
10 School and were gainfully employed through self-employment,
11 family employment, local corporate establishments, or attended
12 college in Illinois; the Walkers have lived in the southern
13 suburbs for 55 years and have been active in politics,
14 community activism, school boards, and local sports; and

15 WHEREAS, Landon is a retired superintendent for the Streets
16 and Sanitation Department in Harvey and is currently a
17 part-time school bus driver, as he enjoys driving and working
18 with children; Bobra continues to be a homemaker for her
19 immediate family as well as for extended family and friends,
20 all while remaining active by exercising three times a week;
21 they also remain members of their local church; and

22 WHEREAS, The Walkers marriage has survived 12 U.S.

1 Presidents and 12 Illinois Governors; and

2 WHEREAS, In February 2019 with 100 local family members and
3 friends in attendance, Landon and Bobra celebrated 60 years of
4 marriage; Landon and Bobra both said the key to their 60 years
5 together has been patience and listening; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Landon Jr. and Bobra Jean Walker on their 60th
9 wedding anniversary, and we wish them many more wonderful
10 years; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the Walkers as a symbol of our respect and esteem.