

House Resolution No. 145

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Whithaus of Chamois, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with an open house on February 2, 2002, at the Chamois Community Center; and

Whereas, upon attaining this significant milestone in their marriage, Orville and Monda (Gerloff) Whithaus will undoubtedly look back upon five decades and reminisce about the day they met, their courtship, and their beautiful wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Rohrmiller on January 26, 1952, at the United Church of Christ in Morrison; and

Whereas, despite having freezing rain, sleet, and snow on their wedding day, Orville and Monda Whithaus were pronounced man and wife in the presence of numerous guests who, after the ceremony, gathered for a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Martin and Barbara Gerloff and an evening dance at Becker's Place; and

Whereas, Orville Whithaus has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes serving in the United States Armed Forces; working in St. Louis with West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, where he would become supervisor and be transferred to New Orleans, Louisiana; and moving to Des Moines, Iowa, where he worked with Great Plains Bag Company, which transferred him to Jacksonville, Arkansas, and promoted him to second shift plant superintendent, a position from which he retired at the age of 62; and

Whereas, on July 1, 1992, Mr. and Mrs. Whithaus bought and moved to the Home Place Farm, which was the home of Monda's parents and co-owned by her brothers and sisters; and

Whereas, Orville and Monda Whithaus derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with the Chamois Methodist Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Orville and Monda Whithaus and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey together walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Orville Whithaus.

Offered by _____
 Representative Merrill M. Townley
 District No. 112

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 145, adopted January 30, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker