

House Resolution No. 187

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Merle S. Hedges, treasured residents of Butler, Missouri, will commemorate the jubilant occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on February 8, 2002; and

Whereas, Merle S. and Hazel M. (Stocklaufer) Hedges attained this impressive milestone by the sincere commitment they have demonstrated to each other since their marriage on February 8, 1942; and

Whereas, on that unforgettable day, Merle and Hazel Hedges promised to devote themselves to each other throughout all the days of their lives during a beautiful wedding ceremony in Kansas City; and

Whereas, over the course of the past sixty years, Merle and Hazel Hedges have had the pleasure of raising four children, Donna Brownfield, Robert Hedges, Sherry Zerbe, and Shirley Silvers, and the privilege of spoiling five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, now retired, Merle Hedges provided for his loved ones through his successful endeavors as a Bates County farmer, while Hazel enjoyed recognition as a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker; and

Whereas, Merle and Hazel Hedges have experienced sixty years of fulfillment through their enjoyment of daily companionship, their constant display of support for one another, and their shared commitment in respecting the feelings and opinions of each other; and

Whereas, Merle and Hazel Hedges are an exceptional couple whose six decades of shared happiness, affection, and devotion beautifully illustrate the abundant triumphs of a successful marriage:

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 Merle and Hazel Hedges upon the joyous occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary and in wishing them continued prosperity as they begin their sixty-first year of wedded bliss; 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. Merle S. Hedges, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jerry R. King
 District No. 125

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. 187, adopted February 6, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker