

House Resolution No. 476

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. John Shelley, treasured residents of Carthage, Missouri, will commemorate the splendid occasion of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on February 22, 2002, with a festive celebration at their home; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on February 22, 1947, John Shelley and Maxine Young began their lives together as husband and wife after a five-month romance that began at a skating rink fifty-six years ago; and

Whereas, since that happy day, John and Maxine Shelley have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, John and Maxine Shelley's undying love for one another has blossomed into a rare happiness that few couples could ever hope to find; and

Whereas, John and Maxine Shelley attribute their fifty-five years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their two children, John Thomas and Kathleen, and their five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, with the words of the Lord to guide their way, John and Maxine Shelley have remained devoted life partners and credit the success of their marriage to the trust, patience, self-control, and love they continue to share today:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for John and Maxine Shelley upon the glorious celebration of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they proudly begin their fifty-sixth year of wedded success and happiness; 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. John Shelley, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
 Representative Steve Hunter
 District No. 127

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. 476, adopted February 25, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker

