

## House Resolution No. 495

**Whereas**, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. William "Bill " Penn, cherished residents of Kimberling City, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on February 16, 2002, with a festive celebration and Open House at the First Baptist Church of Kimberling City; and

**Whereas**, it was on February 16, 1952, that Bill Penn took the hand of his beautiful bride, Thelma, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and

**Whereas**, since that happy day, Bill and Thelma Penn 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**, the Penns lived most of their married lives in northern Illinois, where Mr. Penn worked for Yellow Freight Systems before moving to Kimberling City in 1989, since which time they have distinguished themselves through affiliation with American Legion Table Rock Post 637 and its Auxiliary; and

**Whereas**, proud parents and devoted grandparents who have compiled an enviable list of service to the Moose Lodge in Aurora, Illinois, Bill and Thelma Penn have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their five children, Juanita Arnold of Montgomery, Illinois, Millie Arballo of Geneva, Illinois, William W. Penn of Payson, Illinois, Sherry Hinds of Sandwich, Illinois, and Pamela Penn of Aurora, Illinois; and spoiling their seven wonderful grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Bill and Thelma Penn often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Bill and Thelma Penn upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk 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. William Penn, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Judy Berkstresser  
District No. 141

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. 495, adopted February 27, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker