

House Resolution No. 1237

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Paul Cossey, Jr., lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Norma Jean Smith, during a solemn ceremony on February 28, 1953, in Huntsville, Arkansas; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Paul and Norma Jean Cossey have had the pleasure of raising five children, Debbie Lee, Randy Cossey, Linda Epperson, Kelly Lee, and Terry Cossey, and the privilege of spoiling ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, known as a dedicated family man, Paul Cossey has provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful thirty-year endeavor as a pipeliner; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Norma Jean Cossey has further distinguished herself by being chosen AYA Rodeo Grandmother of the Year, an impressive accolade bestowed upon her for traveling the farthest to watch her grandchildren participate; and

Whereas, during their half century years together, Paul and Norma Jean Cossey have made a spirited effort to keep their relationship fresh and alive, and have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Cossey of Carthage, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on March 1, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Paul and Norma Jean Cossey and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey 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. Paul Cossey, Jr.

Offered by _____
 Representative Ron Richard
 District No. 129

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1237, adopted April 1, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker