

House Resolution No. 1921

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 DeOnidus "Don" Hendrick lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Ferne Murray, during a solemn ceremony on March 29, 1953, in Ballard, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Don and Ferne Hendrick have had the pleasure of raising two children, Teresa F. Loehr-Sebert and Jimmie D. Hendrick, and the privilege of spoiling three grandchildren, Josh M. Loehr, Melissa D. Loehr, and Kaitlin K. Hendrick; and

Whereas, Don Hendrick, who likes to restore antique John Deere tractors, has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving in the United States Air Force as a Staff Sergeant stationed in Alaska during the Korean War and retiring after a thirty-two-year endeavor at General Motors; and

Whereas, an avid flower gardener, Ferne Hendrick further distinguished herself by working for attorney Arthur Duvall, the Bates County Welfare Department, the Bates County Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Office, and the Bates County Recorder's Office; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick have enjoyed traveling and attending First Baptist Church, where they served as Sunday school teachers for twelve years; and

Whereas, Don and Ferne Hendrick of Peculiar commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a reception hosted by their loved ones on March 29, 2003, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall:

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 Don and Ferne Hendrick 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. DeOnidus Hendrick.

Offered by _____
 Representative Rex Rector
 District No. 124

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. 1921, adopted April 15, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker