

House Resolution No. 2088

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, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Keel, residents of Doniphan, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, Melvin and Betty (Fagan) Keel commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on April 6, 2003, at Logan Creek General Baptist Church; and

Whereas, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Melvin and Betty Keel undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was five wondrous decades ago, that Melvin and Betty Keel joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony on April 11, 1953, at the Church of God in Doniphan; and

Whereas, over the course of the past half century, Melvin and Betty Keel have had the pleasure of raising two children, Trease Keel Swindle of Lee's Summit and Keith Keel of Springfield, and the privilege of spoiling three grandchildren; and

Whereas, Melvin, a retired city driver and member of the Masonic Order, and Betty Keel, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

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 Melvin and Betty Keel upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and further wish them continued happiness in the years to come; 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. Melvin Keel.

Offered by _____
 Representative Mike Dethrow
 District No. 153

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. 2088, adopted April 22, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker