

House Resolution No. 2119

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 three and one-half decades has passed since Donald H. Portz lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Joyce M. Kamens, during a solemn ceremony on April 20, 1968, in North Platte, Nebraska; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Donald and Joyce Portz have had the pleasure of raising two children, Michael J. Portz of Blue Springs and Maria A. Brenizer of Raymore, and the privilege of spoiling five grandchildren; and

Whereas, Donald Portz has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes retiring in 1992 as Credit Manager of Sears, Roebuck and Company following thirty-four years of service and being active in the Bishop Sullivan Food Pantry since 1997; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Joyce Portz further distinguished herself as a registered nurse for more than thirty-seven years and worked at the Medical Center of Independence from 1973 until she retired in 1993; and

Whereas, members of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, Donald and Joyce Portz 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. Portz, residents of Blue Springs, commemorated their Thirty-fifth Wedding Anniversary during a special celebration with their immediate family:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending hearty congratulations to Donald and Joyce Portz 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. Donald H. Portz.

Offered by _____
 Representative Bryan Pratt
 District No. 55

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. 2119, adopted April 23, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker