

## House Resolution No. 4320

**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. John H. Harlan, residents of Koshkonong, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

**Whereas**, John and Helen A. Harlan commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their daughter, Kathy Bentzel, on September 21, 2003, at Grandma's Kitchen in Alton; and

**Whereas**, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, John and Helen Harlan 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 John and Helen Harlan joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony on September 8, 1953, in Lincoln, Illinois; and

**Whereas**, over the course of the past half century, John and Helen Harlan have witnessed with pleasure the continual growth of their mutual love, trust, and understanding, qualities that have enhanced and enriched their unique partnership with each passing year; and

**Whereas**, John and Helen Harlan 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 John and Helen Harlan upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing 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. John H. Harlan.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Chuck Purgason  
District No. 151

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. 4320, adopted October 2, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker