

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rinker, Jr., cherished residents of Harrisonville, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on September 20, 2003, with a festive celebration and reception at Community of Christ Church in Pleasant Hill; and

Whereas, it was on September 19, 1953, that Bert Rinker, Jr., took the hand of his beautiful bride, Betty Woodring, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony at the home of the Reverend Joe Brewsters; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Bert and Betty Rinker have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, Mr. Rinker is a devoted family man who provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of stellar employment as a distribution supervisor at Saint Gobain-Calmar, while Mrs. Rinker enjoyed her family immensely and distinguished herself as a circulation manager at Cass County Publishing Company until her much-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, proud parents and devoted grandparents who love fishing, golfing, and traveling in their recreational vehicle, Bert and Betty Rinker have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their three sons, Bert Rinker, III, Bret Rinker, and Paul Rinker; and spoiling their nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Bert and Betty Rinker often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Bert and Betty Rinker upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk 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. Bert Rinker, Jr., as a measure of our esteem for them.

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. 4374, adopted October 9, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker