

House Resolution No. 39

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. John Kiefer, treasured residents of Harrisonville, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on October 17, 2003, with a festive celebration held at Jumpin' Catfish in Lee's Summit; and

Whereas, joined in marriage on October 17, 1953, John D. Kiefer and Jean Marie Smith began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Kansas City, Missouri; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Kiefer provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through forty years of exemplary employment in road construction, while somehow finding the time and energy to develop his favorite hobby of cooking and to participate in various barbecue cook-offs, for which he won eight awards; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who derives a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction from her favorite hobbies of singing and writing, Mrs. Kiefer enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a Registered Nurse for forty-six years; and

Whereas, John and Jean Kiefer attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their six children, Jeffrey Ray Kiefer, Jan Margaret Cohick, Joey Marigale Adams, James Michael Kiefer, Jill Marillyn Kiefer, and Johna D. Rettman; and their sixteen grandchildren; and

Whereas, valuable members of the United Methodist Church, John and Jean Kiefer have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for John and Jean Kiefer upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they proudly begin their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness; 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 Kiefer, 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, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 39, adopted January 12, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker