

## House Resolution No. 288

**Whereas**, it is always a pleasure for the members of the Missouri House of Representatives to recognize an outstanding Show-Me State couple who have ceaselessly embraced the promises made to one another so many, many years ago; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wilmes, treasured residents of Maryville, Missouri, commemorated the grand and joyous occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary with a reception hosted by their loved ones on January 3, 2004, at St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church, where they were recognized during Mass that evening; and

**Whereas**, it seems as if Francis and Clara Louise Wilmes have been together forever since that blissful day on February 14, 1939, when they began their new life together by exchanging their sacred nuptial vows during a beautiful wedding ceremony at St. Mary's in Maryville; and

**Whereas**, in the many years since that heavenly day, Francis and Clara Wilmes have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Clara Francis and John Pallo of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Katheryn Wilmes of Excelsior Springs, Jeanette and Stan Yates of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, and Paul and Robin Wilmes of Maryville; their grandchildren; and their great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, lifelong residents of Maryville, Francis and Clara Wilmes provided a comfortable home and secure future for their loved ones through their successful endeavors as farmers; and

**Whereas**, Francis and Clara Wilmes are a remarkable couple who undoubtedly look to the future with optimism as a truly amazing couple whose love will last an eternity:

**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 Francis and Clara Wilmes at this most significant milestone in their married life and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey together forever 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. Francis Wilmes, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Brad Lager  
 District No. 4

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. 288, adopted February 2, 2004.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker