

## House Resolution No. 435

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marriage; and

**Whereas**, when Edsell Cunningham took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, Carol Traynor, on November 21, 1953, the two of them then pledged their troth during a ceremony which was performed in the home of the Reverend Dale Tribble of Vandalia, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, fifty years later on November 21, 2003, Mr. and Mrs. Edsell Cunningham commemorated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a dinner at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Teresa Cunningham; and

**Whereas**, the marriage of Edsell and Carol Cunningham also has been richly blessed down through the years with the presence of a daughter, Joyce Pease, and her husband, Jim, and three grandchildren, Travis, Candice, and Marissa Cunningham; and

**Whereas**, Edsell Cunningham provided for the needs of his family through his tireless efforts at an Archer Daniels Midland soybean mill, from which he is now retired, and unparalleled success at farming, a vocation which he continues today; and

**Whereas**, Carol Cunningham enjoys an exceptional reputation as a homemaker who ensures that her house is always warm, inviting, and surrounded by a wonderful yard filled with all kinds of flowers in the proper seasons:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the splendid, loving relationship of Edsell and Carol Cunningham and to convey to them this legislative body's sincerest best wishes as they contemplate the diverse accomplishments which they have garnered during a fifty-year-long marriage; 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 in honor of Edsell and Carol Cunningham of Middletown, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

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. 435, adopted February 5, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker