

House Resolution No. 970

Whereas, 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. James Mechem, cherished residents of Union, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive family celebration at the home of their daughter and son-in-law; and

Whereas, it was on December 25, 1953, that James Mechem took the hand of his beautiful bride, Betty, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband who enjoys woodworking and singing in a barbershop quartet, Mr. Mechem provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a plant administrator for forty years, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Jaycees, Little League Baseball, and the American Legion; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Mechem further distinguished herself as a school secretary and aide for twenty years, hospital and food pantry volunteer, and member of Jaycee Wives, P.E.O., and the Bridge Club; and

Whereas, devout members of their church where they glorify the Lord as Deacons, James and Betty Mechem have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their four children and their spouses, Karen and Matthew McDonald, Kent and Carol Mechem, Glenn and Roxanna Mechem, and Toby and Tara Mechem; and spoiling their seven grandchildren; and

Whereas, James and Betty Mechem 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 James and Betty Mechem 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. James Mechem, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

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. 970, adopted March 9, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker