

House Resolution No. 989

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Potts, cherished residents of Independence, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on December 27, 2003; and

Whereas, it was on December 27, 1953, that Donald A. Potts took the hand of his beautiful bride, Barbara Elledge, and together they were joined in marriage during a memorable wedding ceremony in Independence; and

Whereas, a 1963 graduate of the Kansas University School of Medicine and recipient of the Metropolitan Medical Society 1999 Physician of the Year award, Dr. Potts provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and doctor in the Independence and Kansas City areas for more than forty-one years, while somehow finding the time and energy for participation in the Missouri State Legislature's Physician of the Day program since its inception in 1976, and for affiliation with the Rotary Club, American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Family Physicians, just to name a few; and

Whereas, a 1951 graduate of Graceland College who earned the Council on Philanthropy 1998 Philanthropist of the Year award, Mrs. Potts enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as an x-ray technician, the first woman Mayor of the City of Independence from 1982 to 1990, Executive Director of the Jackson County Historical Society, founder of Hope House and a homeless shelter, organizer of the Eastern Jackson County Free Health Clinic, and member of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation and the Salvation Army Board of Directors; and

Whereas, proud parents and devoted grandparents, Donald and Barbara Potts have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their four children, Tedd Albert, Dwight Alan, Douglas Brian, and Laura Jean, and spoiling their nine wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, Donald and Barbara Potts 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 Donald and Barbara Potts 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 Dr. and Mrs. Donald Potts, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Dusenberg
District No. 54

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. 989, adopted March 10, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker