

House Resolution No. 1048

Whereas, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Reutzel, residents of Jackson, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, Cletus and Louella Reutzel commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a Caribbean Cruise which included a renewal of their sacred nuptial vows in the wedding chapel aboard the Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship that toured Jamaica, Haiti, Grand Cayman, and Mexico during the 2003 Christmas holidays; and

Whereas, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Cletus and Louella Reutzel undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was five wondrous decades ago that Cletus Reutzel and Louella Stephens joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony performed by the Reverend Floyd Grindstaff, brother-in-law of the groom, and witnessed by Wilma and Earl Stratton of Cape Girardeau, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, on Christmas Day in 1953; and

Whereas, over the course of the past half century, Cletus and Louella Reutzel have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include three children, Larry Reutzel of Norman, Oklahoma, Randy Reutzel of Marietta, Georgia, and Linda Watson and her husband, Harold, of Jackson, Missouri; and one granddaughter, Samantha Watson of Jackson; and

Whereas, Cletus and Louella Reutzel, members of the First General Baptist Church, have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

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 Cletus and Louella Reutzel upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the years to come; 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. Cletus Reutzel.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

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. 1048, adopted March 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker