

House Resolution No. 1675

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Roy E. Beard lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Esther M. Ervin, during a solemn ceremony on March 27, 1954, in Camp Carson, Colorado; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Roy and Esther Beard have had the pleasure of raising two daughters, Mary Ann Cockrill and Nancy Lee Wiggins, and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren; and

Whereas, Roy Beard has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being employed with Zenith Electronics Corporation and retiring after serving twenty years in the United States Army, during which time he defended his country while in the Korean and Vietnam wars; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Esther Beard offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Roy and Esther Beard have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Beard of Ozark commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on March 27, 2004:

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 Roy and Esther Beard and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey 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. Roy E. Beard.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry Bough
District No. 142

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. 1675, adopted April 13, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker