

**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 six wondrous decades has passed since Elzie D. Richter lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Icel Lee Blackwell, during a solemn ceremony performed by Probate Judge George M. Bainum on May 6, 1944, at Fort Scott, Kansas; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Elzie and Icel Richter have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two daughters and one son-in-law, Terry Lee and Larry Reno and Jo Ann Zimmerman; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Elzie Richter has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes toiling as a farmer his entire life, building bridges on Highway 123 with his father and uncle, working as a substitute mail carrier for the Weaubleau and Quincy route, and serving as a Federal Housing Administration Board member, a Weaubleau School Board member, and a Senior Housing Board member; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Icel Richter has further distinguished herself by working as a Weaubleau School Secretary for five different superintendents, serving as Treasurer of the Weaubleau Town Board and Weaubleau School District, and being a Federal Housing Administration Board member; and

**Whereas**, members of Weaubleau Baptist Church, Elzie and Icel Richter have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes during their sixty years together, including traveling all over the United States with their square dancing group, riding their motorcycles throughout the Show-Me State, boating and skiing, and working in their yard and garden; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Richter, lifelong residents of Weaubleau, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on May 6, 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 Elzie and Icel Richter 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. Elzie D. Richter.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry D. Wilson  
District No. 119

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. 2376, adopted April 29, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker