

House Resolution No. 3265

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rutledge, cherished residents of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on April 7, 2004; and

Whereas, Harold and Itascha Rutledge began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony on April 7, 1939; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Rutledge provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a milk hauler and owner of a service station in Mt. Vernon for many years, while somehow finding the time and energy to serve as a Community Civil Defense Leader; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Rutledge enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as an expert gardener and assistant at her husband's service station; and

Whereas, devout members of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, Harold and Itascha Rutledge attribute their sixty-five years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to come which include their five children, Ina Mae Lutz, John Rutledge, Jim Rutledge, Juanita Roesslet, and Jerry Rutledge; and their thirteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Harold and Itascha Rutledge have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Harold and Itascha Rutledge upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey 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. Harold Rutledge.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

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. 3265, adopted May 27, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker