

House Resolution No. 3382

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. LeeRoy Martens, cherished residents of Richmond, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 19, 2004; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on June 19, 1954, LeeRoy and Mary Ruth Martens began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Perry P. Taylor at the Methodist Church in Carrollton; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Martens dutifully served his country in the United States Army Reserve and provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a farmer and stellar employee of Butler Manufacturing, the United States Postal Service, Kansas City Bolt, Nut & Screw Company, Lake City Arsenal, the Corps of Engineers, and Consolidated Freightways while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America program; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who currently serves as the Northwest District Director of the Missouri Association for Family and Community Education, Mrs. Martens enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself through employment endeavors with Commerce Bank, the American Hereford Association, Ford Motor Company, McKesson & Robbin, Lake City Arsenal, C.D. Holtzen Income Tax and Bookkeeping, and the Internal Revenue Service; and

Whereas, devout members of the First Baptist Church of Richmond who serve as Club Leaders with the Dale Patton 4-H Club, LeeRoy and Mary Martens attribute their fifty 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 six children and their spouses, Ruth and James Mellor, LeeRoy Martens (deceased), David and Anita Martens, Sara Virginia Martens (deceased), Katherine and Kirk Bohanan, and Robert and Stephanie Martens; and their thirteen grandchildren; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, LeeRoy and Mary Martens 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 LeeRoy and Mary Martens upon the glorious celebration of their Golden 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. LeeRoy Martens.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Kelly
District No. 36

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. 3382, adopted June 9, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker