

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, Samuel D. Dednam proudly took the hand of his beloved bride, LaVerne Greer, forty years ago on June 27, 1964, at First Baptist Church of Meacham Park in Saint Louis, Missouri, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which gave them trust in each other and hope for a bright future; and

Whereas, four decades later, Samuel and LaVerne Dednam will celebrate their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary with family members and friends at a gathering which will be held on Sunday, June 27, 2004, at Two Hearts Banquet Center; and

Whereas, the marital union of Samuel and LaVerne Dednam has been blessed down through the years with the love and affection of three children, Janeen M. Dednam, Sharren R. Coleman, and Samuel D. Dednam, Jr., and of three grandchildren, Mara R. Coleman, Alexis A. Dednam, and Samuel D. Dednam, III; and

Whereas, Samuel Dednam diligently provided for his growing family down through the years through his professional labors as a dentist who served his country in the Marine Corps Reserves and the United States Army, earned an Associate's degree in sociology from Forest Park Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Washington University, and became the first African-American to graduate from Washington University's School of Dentistry; and

Whereas, LaVerne Dednam likewise ensured the well-being of her family through her professional activities as a Licensed Practical Nurse, a vocational pursuit which she began in 1963; and

Whereas, Samuel and LaVerne Dednam enhanced their accomplishments thus far in life when they founded Senior Care Dentistry in 1997:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage of Samuel and LaVerne Dednam and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations as they commemorate their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary; 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 in honor of Samuel and LaVerne Dednam of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Thomas A. Villa
District No. 108

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. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker