

House Resolution No. 4861

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 Hardin "Doc" Madison lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mildred, during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend J.E. Chappell and witnessed by Georgia and Charles Brown, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, on July 17, 1943; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Doc and Mildred Madison have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children and their spouses, Ray and Ginger Madison and Benita and E.J. Asquith; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Doc Madison has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a retired employee of Hercules Incorporated in Louisiana, Missouri, and a member of the Royal Arch Masons; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mildred L. Madison further distinguished herself by working at J.C. Penney in Louisiana prior to retirement; and

Whereas, members of the First Baptist Church, Doc and Mildred Madison have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, some of which include traveling and spending time with their loved ones; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Madison, treasured residents of the quaint town of Louisiana, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on July 20, 2003, with an open house hosted by their two children and their families at the home of their daughter and son-in-law:

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 Doc and Mildred Madison 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. Hardin Madison.

Offered by _____
 Representative Terry L. Witte
 District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4861, adopted December 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker