

House Resolution No. 4744

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 five wondrous decades has passed since George Thurm lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Verna Ludwig, during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend E.C. Elzey on October 11, 1953, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pocahontas, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, George and Verna Thurm have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Brenda Hopfer, Linda and Kyle Brotherton, and Stephen and Debra Thurm; six grandchildren, Brian Hopfer and his wife, Carrie, Eric and Todd Hopfer, Jason Floyd, Jena Brotherton, and Brandon Thurm; and six great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, George Thurm has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes working at Frohna Creamery for seven years and the Bank of Altenburg for thirty-five years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Verna Thurm further distinguished herself by operating Midwest Auto Parts; and

Whereas, during their half century together, George and Verna Thurm have made a spirited effort to keep their relationship fresh and alive, and have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Thurm, residents of Altenburg, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a dinner and reception on October 12, 2003, at the American Legion Hall in Jackson, followed by an open house on October 19, 2003, in the gymnasium at Concordia Lutheran School:

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 George and Verna Thurm 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. George Thurm.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

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. 4744, adopted December 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker