

## House Resolution No. 4747

**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 Paul Dean Hunter lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Helen Maxine Smith, during a solemn ceremony on November 21, 1953, at the First Cumberland Church in Springfield, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Paul and Helen Hunter have had the pleasure of raising four children, Michael Dean Hunter, Derek Bruce Hunter, Steven Kent Hunter, and Jeffrey Alan Hunter, and the privilege of spoiling eleven grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Paul Hunter has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes retiring after thirty-nine years as a sales distributor; working eleven years in factory-route sales; participating in golf, bowling, and All-Star Baseball; coaching the Kiwanis and Boys Club for fourteen years, during which time he was named Boys Club Coach of the Year 1975-1976; and being a thirty-nine-year member of the Second Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Helen Hunter further distinguished herself by working for Missouri State Government for ten years and in bookkeeping/accounting for fifteen years; graduating Cum Laude from Southwest Missouri State University at the age of 46; working the elections polls; having numerous articles published as a journalist; and being a member of Friends of the Library and the Bereavement Committee at the Second Baptist Church, of which she has been affiliated with for thirty-nine years; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, residents of Springfield, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on November 23, 2003, at the Second Baptist Church in Springfield:

**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 Paul and Helen Hunter 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. Paul Dean Hunter.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Jerry Bough  
 District No. 142

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. 4747, adopted December 1, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker