

House Resolution No. 4844

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

Whereas, on December 5, 1952, Cleatus “Pete” Armstrong took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, Lorene Campbell, as the two pledged their troth and devotion during marriage ceremonies which were conducted at the Pontiac, Michigan, Church of Christ; and

Whereas, fifty-one years later, Pete and Lorene Armstrong can look back on a wonderful relationship which has been blessed by the arrival of five children, Chesley (Chet) Armstrong, Kay Rolan, Connie McFann, John Armstrong, and Doug Armstrong; two step-sons; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandson; and two step-great-granddaughters; and

Whereas, until his retirement from Heartland Auto Mart in Thayer on December 31, 2003, Pete Armstrong provided for his growing family down through the years by working as an automobile dealership manager, a service and parts manager, a mechanic, an assembly line employee of the GMC Truck Division of General Motors, and a tree trimmer for Detroit Edison; and

Whereas, Pete Armstrong also served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict, during which time he received five Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and a Combat Medics Badge; and

Whereas, Lorene Armstrong likewise contributed to the well-being of her family by working as a secretary/typist in the banking industry before raising children and then accepted employment with the South Missourian News, Ozark Gas, Williams Printing, and Gladin-Eden Insurance Company from which she retired on March 31, 2001; and

Whereas, Pete and Lorene Armstrong both are active in numerous local organizations, especially New Welcome Hill Church of Christ:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Fifty-first Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Armstrong and to convey to them this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations and best wishes for many more celebratory events to come; 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 Cleatus and Lorene Armstrong of Thayer, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

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. 4844, adopted December 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker