

## House Resolution No. 4879

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

**Whereas**, on October 26, 2003, an Open House was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Montgomery City to celebrate the Seventy-fifth Wedding Anniversary of John and Clara Pitman who were betrothed on October 27, 1928; and

**Whereas**, at the Anniversary Open House, Father Chris Cordes gave a special blessing to John and Clara Pitman, parishioner Samuel Madrigal sang two songs which he had written, and many people showed up to wish the couple well; and

**Whereas**, during the day prior to the Open House, John and Clara Pitman were visited by Jay Nies, editor of The Catholic Missourian, who wrote an article about the couple for publication in the weekly newspaper; and

**Whereas**, originally from Eureka, John Pitman is now ninety-six and a former employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Union Electric, and the United States Army; and

**Whereas**, ninety-five-year-old Clara Pitman is a Normandy native who worked for Mazda Electric Company before becoming a homemaker and an artist specializing in painting portraits and landscapes and working with mosaic tiles; and

**Whereas**, John and Clara Pitman are the parents of two daughters, Betty Schweke, now deceased, and Dottie Steffan, the wife of Buzz Steffan; and

**Whereas**, John and Clara Pitman are also justifiably proud of their special status as wonderful grandparents and great-grandparents:

**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 enjoyed by John and Clara Pitman and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon reaching their Seventy-fifth Wedding Anniversary and our best wishes for many more celebratory events to come in life; 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 John and Clara Pitman of Montgomery City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Mike Sutherland  
 District No. 99

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. 4879, adopted December 22, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker