

House Resolution No. 493

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 Ray Wilson lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Bessie, during a solemn ceremony on February 18, 1955, at the home of Elder Bryant of Smithville, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Ray and Bessie Wilson have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children, Gordon Ray, Jr., Ron, Diane, Becky, and Linda; twelve grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ray Wilson has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a retired electronic technician with the Federal Aviation Administration, toiling as a real estate agent, and being a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Church of Christ; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Bessie Wilson offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Ray and Bessie Wilson have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, residents of Excelsior Springs, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary February 18, 2005:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ray and Bessie Wilson 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. Ray Wilson.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Nance
District No. 36

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 493, adopted February 14, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker