

## House Resolution No. 1727

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

**Whereas**, fifty years ago Joe Espey took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Joann Owens, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on March 27, 1955, at the Church of Christ in Hopkins, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, five decades later Joe and Joann Espey of Maryville observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on March 27, 2005; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Joe and Joann Espey has been richly blessed down through the years by the love and affection of their children, Steve and Anita Espey of Maryville, Jeanne Ann and Menno Attema of Platte City, Amy Jo and Jeff Wilson of Overland Park, Kansas, Joyce and Jeff Allen of Kansas City; and their eleven grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Joe Espey has supported his family through his efforts as the former senior vice president and current member of the board of directors of Nodaway Valley Bank, while Joann Espey has ensured that their home is a warm and inviting place for family members and friends; and

**Whereas**, Joe and Joann Espey used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Joe and Joann Espey during momentous times in their lives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Joe and Joann Espey and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; 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 Joe and Joann Espey of Maryville, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Brad Lager  
 District No. 4

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. 1727, adopted April 1, 2005.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker