

House Resolution No. 1757

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Graff, treasured residents of Lebanon, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on March 11, 2005; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on March 11, 1950, Lester Allen Graff and Joyce Dee Wolff began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Lester and Joyce Graff have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband whose hobbies include collecting classic movies, sightseeing, and attending family reunions, Mr. Graff dutifully served his country in the United States Army, earning various military awards, Certificates of Achievement, and the Commendation Medal, while Mrs. Graff enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, member of the Lebanon Concert Association Board of Directors and the S.M.S.U. Collegiate Chorale, and as a soloist at cathedrals throughout the United States and Europe; and

Whereas, Lester and Joyce Graff attribute their fifty-five years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their two daughters, Deborah Kay Graff and Theodora Leslie Likens; and their one grandchild and four great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, devout members of their church, Lester and Joyce Graff have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Lester and Joyce Graff upon the glorious celebration of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey 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. Lester Graff.

Offered by _____
Representative Darrell Pollock
District No. 146

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. 1757, adopted April 4, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker