

House Resolution No. 2121

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. Anthony L. "Phil" Close, treasured residents of Skidmore, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixty-sixth Wedding Anniversary on April 9, 2005; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on April 9, 1939, Phil Close and Edna Pearl Ray began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Oregon; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Phil and Edna Close 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, Phil and Edna Close attribute their sixty-six 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 children, Peggy Kruse of Glenwood, Iowa, and the late Phil Ray; their son-in-law, Larry Kruse; and their four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Phil and Edna Close 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 Phil and Edna Close upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-sixth 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. Anthony L. "Phil" Close.

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. 2121, adopted April 13, 2005.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker