

House Resolution No.

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 and one-half wondrous decades has passed since James Allen Baker lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Barbara Ellen Brown, during a solemn ceremony on April 22, 1950, in Ash Grove, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, James and Barbara Baker have had the pleasure of raising five children, James Ricky Baker, Robbie Hollis, Bobbie Wycuff, Beckey Anderson, and Brenda McPhail, and the privilege of spoiling fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, James Baker has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving as Warden of the Green County Jail and toiling as a farmer; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Barbara Baker has further distinguished herself as a retired employee of Zenith; and

Whereas, during their fifty-five years together, James and Barbara Baker have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes, a few of which include gardening, quilting, volunteering at the church thrift store, and spending time with their loved ones; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, residents of Ash Grove, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration at the First Christian Church:

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 James and Barbara Baker 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. James Allen Baker.

Offered by _____
 Representative James Viebrock
 District No. 134

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. ____, adopted _____, 2005.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker