

House Resolution No. 3198

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 James Drebenstedt lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Patricia Dodd, during a solemn ceremony on May 14, 1955, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Palmyra, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, James and Patricia Drebenstedt have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children, Teresa Hays of Palmyra, Joni Wilson and Denny Drebenstedt of Philadelphia, Becky Coppess of West Des Moines, Iowa, John Drebenstedt of Hannibal, and the late Mike Drebenstedt; twelve grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now retired, James Drebenstedt has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes successful endeavors as a farmer and an employee of Gardner Denver and the United States Postal Service; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Patricia Drebenstedt has further distinguished herself as a volunteer with the Philadelphia Community Center and as a retired employee of the Marion County Public Water District; and

Whereas, James and Patricia Drebenstedt derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Palmyra; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Drebenstedt of rural Philadelphia will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on May 15, 2005, at the Philadelphia Community Center:

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 Patricia Drebenstedt 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 Drebenstedt.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

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. 3198, adopted May 11, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker