

House Resolution No. 3781

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 Dr. John Shelton lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Ann, during a solemn ceremony on June 26, 1954, in Owensboro, Kentucky; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, John and Ann Shelton have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Suzanne Shelton and Michael Sump of Carrollton, Texas, Elizabeth Shelton of Atlanta, Georgia, and Brian and Penny Shelton of Tyler, Texas; and one grandson, Jacob Shelton; and

Whereas, John Shelton has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being retired from his positions as professor of music at Southeast Missouri State University and as minister of music at Centenary United Methodist Church; serving as Director of the choral group at Chateau; and performing recitals and accompanying vocalists; and

Whereas, active in church and community organizations, Ann Shelton has further distinguished herself as a former teacher and guide for the Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

Whereas, during their half century together, John and Ann Shelton have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Dr. and Mrs. Shelton, residents of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on June 26, 2004, at their home at Chateau Girardeau:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to John and Ann Shelton 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 Dr. and Mrs. John Shelton.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3781, adopted August 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker