

House Resolution No. 3764

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, seventy years ago Elihu Poage took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Edna Overall, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony on March 17, 1935, in Purdy, Missouri; and

Whereas, seven decades later Elihu and Edna Poage of Wentworth observed their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on Sunday, March 13, 2005; and

Whereas, the marital union of Elihu and Edna Poage has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Nelda Hansen of Wichita, Kansas; Ron Poage of Springfield, Missouri; Gloria Hagebusch of Wentworth, Missouri; Bill Poage of Wentworth, Missouri; Tom Poage of Springdale, Arkansas; Carroll Poage of Pierce City, Missouri; and Carolyn Davis of Strafford, Missouri; and

Whereas, Elihu and Edna Poage have rejoiced as their family has grown to include sixteen grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Elihu is a farmer who worked at the MFA Creamery at Monett for twenty years, taught his sons how to play guitar, and helped his sons attain State Level in Future Farmers of America; and

Whereas, Edna Poage is a homemaker who helped on the farm when needed, taught her girls how to sew, and still enjoys embroidery and quilting; and

Whereas, Elihu and Edna Poage used the occasion of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Elihu and Edna Poage during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Elihu and Edna Poage and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary; 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 in honor of Elihu and Edna Poage of Wentworth, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jack Goodman
 District No. 132

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. 3764, adopted June 15, 2005.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker