

House Resolution No. 4044

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

Whereas, Forest R. and Betty J. Smith of Moberly celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 21, 2003, at the Pear Tree in Bevier, Missouri; and

Whereas, five decades earlier on June 21, 1953, Forest Smith and the former Betty Dameron pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony in Moberly; and

Whereas, the marriage of Forest and Betty Smith has been richly blessed by the love and affection of their children, Joynee' Marie Erickson and Carma Jean Smith, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, Forest Smith provided for all of the needs and most of the desires of his growing family through vocational endeavors which included forty years of service with Missouri Power and Light, Union Electric, and AmerenUE; and

Whereas, Forest Smith also deserves mention of his membership in Western Star Lodge 34, Bazan Bailey American Legion Post 6, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2654, Grant Chapel AME Church, and Voiture Locale 292; and

Whereas, a semi-retired, part-time caregiver, Betty Smith worked eighteen years for the Moberly School Board and developed an exceptional reputation as an Ambassador with the Chamber of Commerce, expert in crocheting, and member of Randolph County Retired Teachers, Silver Bells Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, Bazan Bailey American Legion Auxiliary Unit 6 (VIM), Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2654, Silone Chapter 91 Order of Eastern Star, and Second Baptist Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage enjoyed by Forest and Betty Smith down through the years and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our sincerest best wishes for their Golden 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 Mr. and Mrs. Forest Smith.

Offered by _____
 Representative Therese Sander
 District No. 22

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. 4004, adopted September 7, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker