

## House Resolution No. 4048

**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**, Floyd O. Payne proudly took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Betty L. Gideon, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed in the home of the Reverend Roy Shipman on September 22, 1954; and

**Whereas**, on Saturday, September 18, 2004, Floyd and Betty Payne will joyously celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a gathering of family members and friends at the Sparta Lodge; and

**Whereas**, the marriage of Floyd and Betty Payne has been blessed down through the years by the love and affection of two children, Debbie Prost and David Payne; and

**Whereas**, Floyd and Betty Payne have rejoiced as their family has expanded to include five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, after supporting his family through twenty-five years with Associated Wholesale Grocers, Floyd Payne occupies his retirement years by spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, working in the yard, and attending church; and

**Whereas**, in addition to ensuring that their home is a warm and inviting place for visitors, Betty Payne engaged in such avocational pursuits as painting and sewing; and

**Whereas**, Floyd and Betty Payne will use their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary as a time of reflection on the many changes that have taken place in their lives and in society since that wonderful day in which they became husband and wife:

**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, successful marriage enjoyed by Floyd and Betty Payne and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they observe 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. Payne of Sparta, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Jerry Bough  
 District No. 142

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. 4048, adopted September 13, 2004.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker