

House Resolution No. 4131

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, John Francis, Jr., took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Janearl Winfrey, on October 7, 1944, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed in the Christian Church parsonage in Carrollton; and

Whereas, on October 10, 2004, John and Janearl Francis will celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a gathering of family members, friends, and other well-wishers at the Goppert Community Center in their hometown of Norborne; and

Whereas, the marriage of John and Janearl Francis has been richly blessed down through the years by the love and affection of their children, Rosalee Korff, Peggy Sue Swearingin, and the late Patsy Ann Francis; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, John Francis is a retired farmer, former Soybean King of the Norborne Soybean Festival, past president of the Carroll County Farm Bureau, past president of the Norborne School Board, member of the Home Savings and Loan Board, member of Norborne's Lion's Club which he served twice as president, chairman of the Norborne Land Drainage Board, member of the Norborne Cemetery Board, and a Sunday School teacher, R.A. leader, and past deacon at Norborne Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Janearl Francis is a housewife and former teacher who has been president of the Norborne PTA, the recipient of the Woman of the Year award from the Carroll County Farm Bureau, and a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School worker, and G.A. leader at Norborne Baptist Church; and

Whereas, John and Janearl Francis share an interest in playing cards, traveling with Rural Adult Organization members, and volunteering at H.E.L.P. services and are recipients of a Balanced Farming Award and a Curators Certificate from University of Missouri Extension, leaders in 4-H, and former volunteers for Meals on Wheels:

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 down through the years by John and Janearl Francis and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary and our sincerest best wishes for continued success in life; 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. Francis of Norborne, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative John Quinn
 District No. 7

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. 4131, adopted September 22, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker