

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 Russell G. Magruder lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Carol E. Simon, during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend Ira T. Gragg on May 7, 1955, at the Independent Congregational Church in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Russell and Carol Magruder have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children and their spouses, Russell and Tammy Magruder and Joyce and Matthew Strothcamp; and their grandchildren, Jessie, Amie, and Lucas Magruder, Steven, Jeff, and Jenni Richardson, and Jacob and Wyatt Strothcamp; and

Whereas, now retired, Russell Magruder has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a Senior Master Sergeant/Supervisor of Munitions and Missile Maintenance with the Missouri Air National Guard, serving as President of the St. Clair Lions Club, and filling the role of Santa Claus for the Little Angels Program; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Carol Magruder further distinguished herself as a professional florist at Bette's Bo-Kay; an employee of the St. Clair R-XIII School District, where she took part in the volunteer grandparent program; a child care provider; and a member of the VIV Club; and

Whereas, Russell and Carol Magruder have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past half century, a few of which include playing golf, woodworking, traveling, gardening, crafts, and spending time with their loved ones; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Magruder of St. Clair commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on May 7, 2005, at the Knights of Columbus Hall:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Russell and Carol Magruder 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 Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Magruder.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

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. 3835, adopted June 22, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker