

## House Resolution No. 4005

**Whereas**, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

**Whereas**, sixty-five years ago on June 16, 1940, Bill Burke took the hand of his beautiful bride, Frances Yelton, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend M.D. Dudley, great-uncle of the groom, at the Troy Christian Church in Troy, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Bill and Frances Burke have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas and Sarah Burke and Timmy Joe and Tammy Burke; three grandchildren, Kimberly, Amber, and Jill; and two great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Bill Burke has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes retiring from Hercules, Incorporated, in Louisiana, Missouri, in 1979, being a member of New Hope Masonic Lodge 199, and serving as a B-17 tailgunner who flew twenty combat missions over Germany in World War II; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Frances Burke offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

**Whereas**, Bill and Frances Burke have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Burke, residents of Elsberry, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on June 16, 2005:

**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 Bill and Frances Burke for their tremendous success in achieving sixty-five wondrous years of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; 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. Bill Burke, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

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. 4005, adopted July 14, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker