

House Resolution No. 4332

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens, cherished residents of Cross Timbers, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on September 26, 2004, with a festive celebration and family dinner in Overland Park, Kansas; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on September 16, 1944, William F. Stevens and Doris Marie Holliday began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Cross Timbers; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Stevens provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as the Superintendent of Construction for the Woolworth Company home office in Chicago, Illinois for fifteen years until his retirement in 1986; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Stevens enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a stellar employee of Avon Products in Kansas City for twenty-five years; and

Whereas, devout members of the Christian Church of Cross Timbers who loved fishing, boating, and hiking for many years at their home at the lake of the Ozarks, William and Doris Stevens attribute their sixty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their four daughters, Marilyn Cleveland of Overland Park, Kansas, Maria Martin of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Marlene Clark of Stellwell, Kansas, and Melanie Skinner of Olathe, Kansas; and their six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, William and Doris Stevens have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for William and Doris Stevens upon the glorious celebration of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey 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. William Stevens.

Offered by _____

Representative Larry D. Wilson

District No. 119

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. 4332, adopted October 20, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker