

House Resolution No. 4162

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those couples with longstanding ties to the Show-Me State who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, forty years ago Mel Booth took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Valorie Wheeler, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on August 29, 1965, in Bethany; and

Whereas, four decades later Mel and Valorie Booth of McLean, Virginia, will observe their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends; and

Whereas, the marital union of Mel and Valorie Booth has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Bryan Booth and his wife, Patricia Tomaszewski, and Angela Moskow and her husband, Rob, and two wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mel Booth is President and Chief Operating Officer of Medimmune, retired from Syntex Corporation, past Chairman of the Pharmaceutical Association of Canada, a member of the Governor's Advisory Council for plant biotechnology, and the holder of a Distinguished Alumni Award and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Northwest Missouri State University and a 2005 Titan of Business Award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; and

Whereas, Valorie Booth has developed an excellence reputation for her endeavors with charitable organizations in the Washington, DC, area and for her skills with gardening, traveling, and boating; and

Whereas, Mel and Valorie Booth will use the occasion of their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Mel and Valorie Booth during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Mel and Valorie Booth and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fortieth 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 Mel and Valorie Booth of McLean, Virginia.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

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. 4162, adopted August 10, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker