

House Resolution No. 4622

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

Whereas, sixty-five years ago Vernon Blevins took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Edna Payne, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on November 11, 1939, in the Ozark home of Howard and Helen Melton; and

Whereas, six and one-half decades later Vernon and Edna Blevins of Ozark observed their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on November 14, 2004, by attending worship services at the Selmore Christian Church and a subsequent family dinner; and

Whereas, the marriage of Vernon and Edna Blevins has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their beloved children, Dr. Dale Blevins and Patsy Hanks; and

Whereas, Vernon and Edna Blevins also have enjoyed watching their family grow to include three wonderful grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a farmer for sixty years, Vernon Blevins has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for his activities with the MFA Exchange Board in Ozark, the Selmore Road District Commission, Little League Baseball, and the Selmore Christian Church Diaconate, and as a fisherman, quail hunter, and raiser of bird dogs; and

Whereas, a noted homemaker, Edna Blevins has likewise attained good repute for her endeavors with Selmore Christian Church, as President of the church's C.W.F., as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, as a member of the Extension Club, and as a 4-H Cooking Leader who also enjoys meeting to quilt each Wednesday afternoon at church; and

Whereas, Vernon and Edna Blevins used the occasion of their Sixty-fifth 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:

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 engaged in by Vernon and Edna Blevins and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Golden 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 Vernon and Edna Blevins of Ozark, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Jerry Bough

District No. 142

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. 4622, adopted December 10, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker