

House Resolution No. 4734

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, fifty years ago William “Bill” Ragan took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Joanne Gutting, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on December 5, 1954, at Kahoka Christian Church; and

Whereas, five decades later Bill and Joanne Ragan of Kahoka observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on December 4, 2004, at the Hamilton VFW; and

Whereas, the marital union of Bill and Joanne Ragan has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Kim Ragan of Fayetteville, Georgia, Shelly St. Clair of Holts Summit, Missouri, and Kerry Cole of Canton, Missouri, and their eight grandchildren; and

Whereas, Bill and Joanne Ragan used the occasion of their Fiftieth 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 Bill and Joanne Ragan during momentous times in their lives:

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 Bill and Joanne Ragan and to convey to them this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth 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 Bill and Joanne Ragan of Kahoka, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Brian Munzlinger
 District No. 1

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. 4734, adopted December 29, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker