

## House Resolution No. 4346

**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 Richard “Mike” Ahrens took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Virginia “Ginny” Turner, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on September 4, 1959, in Grinnell, Iowa; and

**Whereas**, five decades later Mike and Ginny Ahrens of Marshfield will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends at United Methodist Church on September 4, 2005; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Mike and Ginny Ahrens has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their three sons, Michael, Steven, and Robert; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Mike Ahrens provided his family with all of their needs and most of their desires in life through his operation of Ahrens Insurance from which he is now retired; and

**Whereas**, Ginny Ahrens likewise supported her family as an elementary school teacher who developed and maintained an excellent reputation for joining her husband in many acts of charitable service in the community and for their church; and

**Whereas**, Mike and Ginny Ahrens will use 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 Mike and Ginny Ahrens 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 Mike and Ginny Ahrens 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 Mike and Ginny Ahrens of Marshfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Michael L. Cunningham  
District No. 145

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. 4346, adopted August 31, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker