

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on March 4, 1957, William James "Bill" Blaue took the hand of his beautiful bride, Sandra Marie "Sandy" Ahrens, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in Mexico, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Bill and Sandy Blaue have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include four children and their spouses, Cindy and Sam Fort, Terry and Julie Blaue, Shirley and Joe Harby, and Kathy and Tim Bertels; ten grandchildren, Chris Fort and his wife, Christin, Kenny Fort, Samantha Blaue, Jessica Blaue, Elizabeth Blaue, Crystal Blaue, Erin Harby, Clayton Harby, Elaina Bertels, and Pam Bertels; and one great-grandchild, Mason Fort; and

Whereas, Bill Blaue is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as a farmer; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Sandy Blaue has further distinguished herself by helping her husband on the farm and working as a receptionist at the office of Dr. Donald Shoup of Wellsville; and

Whereas, Bill and Sandy Blaue have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Bill and Sandy Blaue derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with Grace Lutheran Church in Wellsville, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Blaue, residents of rural Laddonia, will celebrate the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on March 4, 2007, at the American Legion Hall in Martinsburg, Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bill and Sandy Blaue for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; 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 James Blaue.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 404, adopted February 1, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker