

## House Resolution No. 1236

**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 Wayne Atkinson took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Millie Morgan, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony that was performed on March 9, 1957, at First Presbyterian Church of Vandalia, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, five decades later Wayne and Millie Atkinson of Vandalia observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on March 10, 2007, at the VFW Hall; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Wayne and Millie Atkinson has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Ricky and Doris Atkinson, Vicky Bontz, Stacy and Ed Jennings, and LaDon and Patricia Atkinson; grandchildren, Stephanie and Travis Hicks, Patrick Bontz, Crystal Bontz, Tiffany Atkinson, Ethan Atkinson, Seth Jennings, Morgan Jennings, Lizabeth Atkinson, and Levi Atkinson; and great-grandchildren, Lydia Bontz, Jocelyn Bontz, Ashley Miller, James Hicks, and Parker Stevens; and

**Whereas**, Wayne Atkinson is retired from NARCO Refractories, employed at Northeast Correctional Center, a participant in the Boy Scouts of America program since 1965, and a Scoutmaster since 1972; and

**Whereas**, Millie Atkinson is a self-employed seamstress who makes ice skating and dance wear; and

**Whereas**, Wayne and Millie Atkinson 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 Wayne and Millie Atkinson during momentous times in their lives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Wayne and Millie Atkinson 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 Wayne and Millie Atkinson of Vandalia, Missouri.

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. 1236, adopted March 14, 2007.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker