

## House Resolution No. 1727

**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 23, 1957, William R. Norvel took the hand of his beautiful bride, Donna Tillotson, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in Elsberry, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, William and Donna Norvel have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two sons and one daughter-in-law, Robert and Lorraine Norvel and Corey Norvel; nine step-grandchildren, John Stanley, David Stanley, Lynn Stanley, Jack Falwell, Megan Wood, Mallory Wood, D.J. Wood, Kelsey Tessay, and Tre Bead; and three step-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, a minister at Annada Christian Community Church, William Norvel is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful twenty-year endeavor with the United States Air Force, from which he is now retired; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Donna Norvel offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

**Whereas**, William and Donna Norvel 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**, Mr. and Mrs. Norvel, residents of Annada, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary by renewing their vows during a ceremony in which Donna was escorted down the aisle by her ninety-seven-year-old father, George Tillotson, while her eighty-eight-year-old mother, Bernice Tillotson, and ninety-two-year-old mother-in-law, Ruth Norvel, attended the event on March 25, 2007, in the Fellowship Hall at Annada Christian Community Church:

**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 William and Donna Norvel 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 R. Norvel.

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. 1727, adopted April 4, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker