

## House Resolution No. 1800

**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 February 19, 1957, Ray Batson took the hand of his beautiful bride, Janet Britain, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend Lehman F. Webb and witnessed by Jo Bacon, the bride's mother, Danny Swearingin, and Karen Kubat, at the First Baptist Church in Harrison, Arkansas; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Ray and Janet Batson have had the pleasure of raising five children, Diana Tucker, Steven Batson, Robin Talley, Joni Batson, and Renee Waters, and the privilege of spoiling fourteen grandchildren, Jason, Jeremy, Jared, and Stephanie Tucker, Lauren and Thomas batson, Jennifer Bartels, Trevor, Tanner, and Kaylee Talley, and Lesley, Tiffany, Slater, and Quintin Batson, and two great-grandchildren, Tiana Rae Bartels and Makayla Batson; and

**Whereas**, Ray Batson is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors with C&C Flooring in Springfield; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Janet Batson has further distinguished herself as an employee of the Republic R-III School District; and

**Whereas**, Ray and Janet Batson 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. Batson, residents of Halltown, Missouri, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on February 17, 2007, at Riverside Inn at Ozark:

**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 Ray and Janet Batson 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. Ray Batson.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative James Viebrock  
District No. 134

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. 1800, adopted April 5, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker