

House Resolution No. 2837

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of sixty-seven wondrous years has passed since Earl E. McCleave lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Ethlyn Heriford, during a solemn ceremony on April 7, 1940, in Kansas City, Kansas; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Earl and Ethlyn McCleave have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include one daughter and son-in-law, Annas Sue and Dr. John Wilson, III; and three grandchildren, John Wilson, IV, Sophie Wilson, and Veronica Wilson; and

Whereas, an avid hunter, Earl McCleave provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful endeavors as an attorney who graduated from the Kansas School of Law in 1950 and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in 1968; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Ethlyn McCleave further distinguished herself by founding the first Head Star program in Clay County and by serving as a teacher and an employee of the United States Corps of Engineers and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

Whereas, during their sixty-seven years together, Earl and Ethlyn McCleave have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. McCleave of Kansas City commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixty-seventy Wedding Anniversary on April 7, 2007:

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 Earl and Ethlyn McCleave and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; 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. Earl E. McCleave, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry Nolte
District No. 33

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. 2837, adopted May 1, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker