

House Resolution No. 3818

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 six wondrous decades has passed since Dean Clifford Morton lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Betty Jane Thomas, during a solemn ceremony on June 1, 1947; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Dean and Betty Morton have had the pleasure of welcoming into their homes eighty-eight foster children, five adopted children, ten grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into the lives of their loved ones; and

Whereas, Dean Morton has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving in various positions, including that of Sunday school teacher, at the First Baptist Church of Sedalia, where he was baptized on October 14, 1943; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Betty Morton has further distinguished herself by working at the Pettis County Juvenile Detention Center and serving in various positions, including that of Sunday school teacher, at the First Baptist Church of Sedalia, where she was baptized on November 26, 1933; and

Whereas, during their sixty years together, Dean and Betty Morton have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Morton of Sedalia commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on June 1, 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 Dean and Betty Morton 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. Dean Clifford Morton.

Offered by _____
 Representative Stanley Cox
 District No. 118

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. 3818, adopted May 18, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker