

House Resolution No. 3924

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 May 17, 1957, Virgil Lon Thomas took the hand of his beautiful bride, Erma Pyle, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in Red Oak, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Virgil and Erma Thomas have had the pleasure of raising three children, Teresa Rutledge, Staci Garner, and Timothy Thomas, and the privilege of spoiling seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Air Force, Virgil Thomas is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful fifty-five-year endeavor as a self-employed farmer, from which he is now semi-retired; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Erma Thomas further distinguished herself by working for the United States Postal Service for thirty years prior to her retirement and as a 4-H Leader; and

Whereas, Virgil and Erma Thomas 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. Thomas, residents of Lockwood, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on May 20, 2007, in Miller:

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 Virgil and Erma Thomas 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. Virgil Lon Thomas.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

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. 3924, adopted May 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker