

## House Resolution No. 4141

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize marriage as one of the cornerstones of a healthy and vibrant society; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause, as is fitting and proper, to recognize Ralph and Mary Edna Shackelford, of Platte City, Missouri, who have been blessed with sixty years of wedded happiness and harmony; and

**Whereas**, Ralph Shackelford took the hand of his lovely bride, Mary Edna Bales, during a solemn ceremony held at the Methodist Church in Lawson, Missouri, on May 18, 1947; and

**Whereas**, Ralph and Mary Edna Shackelford observed their wedding anniversary at a private celebration in their home in rural Platte County, on May 20, surrounded by family and friends; and

**Whereas**, a farmer and retired TWA mechanic since 1981, Ralph Shackelford nobly served his country during World War II, between 1942 and 1946; he has been a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons since 1947; a Trustee of the Platte Woods United Methodist Church for twenty-two years; a Leader of 4-H Horsemanship for forty years; a Board Member of the Platte County Fair for twenty-six years; a member in good standing of the local VFW post; and

**Whereas**, Mary Edna Shackelford worked as a private secretary for Hallmark Cards for more than ten years and has never retired from being a housewife, and she has been a Pathfinder for the last thirty-one years and is a Charter Member of the St. Luke's Northland Hospital Auxiliary:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to Ralph and Mary Edna Shackelford on the illustrious occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and to wish them many more happy years together; 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 Ralph and Mary Edna Shackelford.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jason Brown  
District No. 30

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. 4141, adopted June 28, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker