

House Resolution No. 4407

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Cox, residents of Ava, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, Johnie and Modena Cox commemorated the joyous occasion of their Sixty-eighth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration at the home of their grandchildren, Bill and Debbie Willis; and

Whereas, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Johnie and Modena Cox undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was sixty-eight wondrous years ago that high school sweethearts, Johnie Cox and Modena Haden, joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony on July 7, 1939, at the Ava Courthouse; and

Whereas, over the course of the past sixty-eight years, Johnie and Modena Cox have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their late daughter, Mary Frances Beason; three grandchildren, Debbie Willis, John Beason, and Patti Chamberlain; three great-grandchildren, Summar Reed and Ryan and Reagan Chamberlain; and two great-great-grandchildren, Gavin and Blake Reed; and

Whereas, Johnie and Modena Cox have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose sixty-eight years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

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 Johnie and Modena Cox upon the joyous occasion of their Sixty-eighth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the 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. Johnie Cox, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Van Kelly
District No. 144

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. 4407, adopted August 8, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker