

House Resolution No. 4605

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. David Retherford, Sr., treasured residents of Oak Ridge, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on August 11, 2007, with a festive celebration held at their home; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on September 21, 1957, David Ray Retherford and Marilyn Rose Bahr began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Unterreiner at Church of Genevieve in Ste. Genevieve; and

Whereas, since that happy day, David and Marilyn Retherford have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, David and Marilyn Retherford attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their four children and their spouses, Mary and Virgil Freeman of Oak Ridge, David and Jackie Retherford Jr. of Advance, Evelyn and Barry Gilliland of Millersville, and Mark and Barb Retherford of Jackson; and their eighteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, David and Marilyn Retherford have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for David and Marilyn Retherford upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey 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. David Retherford, Sr.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

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. 4605, adopted August 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker