

House Resolution No. 319

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 five wondrous decades has passed since J.D. Pilkenton lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Carol Ann Thurman, during a solemn ceremony on December 22, 1957, at the First Presbyterian Church in Aurora, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, J.D. and Carol Pilkenton have had the pleasure of raising two children, Scott Pilkenton of Aurora and Ben Pilkenton of Monett, and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, J.D. Pilkenton has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being the retired thirty-four-year owner/operator of Modern Variety; serving six years in the National Guard; and being a member and leader for the Chamber of Commerce and the Lawrence County Bank Board of Directors; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Carol Pilkenton further distinguished herself in numerous ways, just a few of which include being a teacher for the Aurora School R-VIII School District, a fifty-year member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a member of Chapter DD of the PEO Sisterhood, the Elk Horn Prairie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Main Street Aurora Committee; and

Whereas, during their half century together, J.D. and Carol Pilkenton have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Pilkenton of Aurora commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on December 24, 2007, at the home of their son, Ben Pilkenton of Monett:

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 J.D. and Carol Pilkenton 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. J.D. Pilkenton.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 319, adopted January 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker