

House Resolution No. 918

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 February 14, 1958, Charles F. Leonard took the hand of his beautiful bride, Shirley M. Ferguson, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Purdy, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Charles and Shirley Leonard have had the pleasure of raising two children, David Leonard and Diane Leonard, and the privilege of spoiling two grandchildren; and

Whereas, Charles Leonard is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful fifty-year endeavors as a minister and contractor salesman; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Shirley Leonard has further distinguished herself as a retired secretary/bookkeeper; and

Whereas, Charles and Shirley Leonard 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. Leonard, residents of Pierce City, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on February 16, 2008, at Ritchey Baptist Church:

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 Charles and Shirley Leonard for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss 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. Charles F. Leonard.

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. 918, adopted March 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker