

House Resolution No. 1115

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 March 5, 1958, Howard Gentle took the hand of his beautiful bride, Laveta Klocke, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the Christian Church in Eding; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Howard and Laveta Gentle have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include five children, Laveta Gibson of Columbia, South Carolina, Lorene McQuin of Wellington, Kansas, Douglas Gentle of Waynesville, Richard Gentle of Columbia, South Carolina, and Laura DeLura of Arlington, Virginia; and eleven grandchildren; and

Whereas, a member of the First Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, Howard Gentle is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as a member of the United States Army and as a Social Worker with the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Laveta Gentle offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Howard and Laveta Gentle 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. Gentle, residents of Doniphan, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on March 1, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff:

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 Howard and Laveta Gentle 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. Howard Gentle.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

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. 1115, adopted March 17, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker