

## House Resolution No. 1308

**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 Stephen "Steve" Otto lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Virginia Durrett, during a solemn ceremony on April 5, 1958, in Columbia, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Steve and Virginia Otto have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children and their spouses, Kirk and Jean Marie Otto of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Craig and Rebecca Otto of Lee's Summit; and

**Whereas**, Steve Otto has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes retiring from the field of health care financing administration following twenty-four years of service; toiling a full-time professional storyteller; being a recipient of the Region VII Regional Director's Volunteer and Community Service Award, the Kansas City Community Blood Center award, and the Youth Friends award; and being a member of the Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce, the National Storytelling Network, the River and Prairie Storyweavers in Kansas City, and Fairview Christian Church, where he serves as an Elder; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Virginia Otto has further distinguished herself by retiring as a first grade teacher in the North Kansas City School District following sixteen years of service; serving as a Youth Friends Tutor; and being a member of the Kansas City Assistance League, the Daughters of the American Revolution, PEO, and Fairview Christian Church, where she is an Elder; and

**Whereas**, during their half century together, Steve and Virginia Otto have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Otto of Gladstone will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 5, 2008 in Gladstone:

**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 Steve and Virginia Otto 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. Stephen Otto.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jerry Nolte  
District No. 33

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. 1308, adopted March 27, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker