

## House Resolution No. 3432

**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 June 22, 1958, Duane Merrell took the hand of his beautiful bride, Phyllis Wiesemann, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in La Grange, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Duane and Phyllis Merrell have had the pleasure of raising five children, Aaron Merrell, Kerry Brown, Roderick Merrell, Brent Merrell, and Ryan Merrell, and the privilege of spoiling eight grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Duane Merrell is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful thirty-seven-year endeavor with the United States Postal Service, from which he is now retired; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Phyllis Merrell further distinguished herself as an employee of Blessing Hospital for twenty-seven years prior to her retirement; and

**Whereas**, members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Duane and Phyllis Merrell 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. Merrell, residents of La Grange, will commemorate the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 21, 2008, at the very church in which they became husband and wife:

**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 Duane and Phyllis Merrell 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. Duane Merrell.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Munzlinger  
District No. 1

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. 3432, adopted June 17, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker