

House Resolution No. 3508

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith, treasured residents of St. Joseph, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on May 8, 2008; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on May 8, 1958, Russell Smith and Karen Ellis began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at the home of the groom's parents; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Russell and Karen Smith have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband whose hobbies include Corvettes and airplanes, Mr. Smith provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a salesman for forty-five years, while Mrs. Smith enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a hair stylist; and

Whereas, Russell and Karen Smith attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their five children and their spouses, Russell and Carol Smith, Chuck and Hollie Smith, Jack and Lisa Smith, Carolyn and Jeff Marschel, and Ron and Lisa Smith; and their sixteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for Russell and Karen Smith upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey 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. Russell Smith.

Offered by _____
Representative Rob Schaaf
District No. 28

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. 3508, adopted June 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker