

House Resolution No. 3886

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. Joe Ben Whetstine, treasured residents of Cabool, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on August 24, 2008, with a festive celebration to be held at the Cabool Second Baptist Church; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on August 24, 1958, Joe Ben Whetstine and Carol Jean Bailey began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Camden Point; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Mr. And Mrs. Whetstine 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 who currently serves as Texas County Commissioner, enjoys restoring antique tractors in his spare time, and holds distinction as an author of the first land use plan in Texas County, Mr. Whetstine provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a dairy farmer, while somehow finding the time for affiliation with the Cabool School Board, Gideons International, Ozark Property Rights Group, Texas County Republicans, Ozark Older Iron Club, and Mid-America Dairymen, of which he served as Treasurer; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who received a 2007 Women of Tribute Award from the Missouri federated Republican Women, Mrs. Whetstine enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as the office manager of Pineview Heights Senior Apartments and home economics teacher, past president of Texas County Federated Republican Women, and member of Gideons Auxiliary and Find Us Faithful, a musical ensemble; and

Whereas, devout members of Cabool Second Baptist Church where they have glorified the Lord through a variety of roles, Mr. and Mrs. Whetstine 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 four sons, James, Jeff, Jonathan, and Justin; and their eight 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 Mr. and Mrs. Whetstine 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. Joe Ben Whetstine.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Wells
District No. 147

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. 3886, adopted August 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker