

House Resolution No. 3944

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 August 30, 1958, Jerry Clinton Ray took the hand of his beautiful bride, Jo Ann Reed, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in Troy, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Jerry and Jo Ann Ray have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Clinton and Lisa Ray, Diane and Ronnie Redd, Timothy and Tammy Ray, and Brian Ray; and nine grandchildren, Anthony, Matt, Elizabeth, Byron, Tanner, Thea, Tracy, John, and Ashley; and

Whereas, now retired, Jerry Ray 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 construction worker; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Jo Ann Ray further distinguished herself by working various jobs, including factory work and waitressing; and

Whereas, Jerry and Jo Ann Ray 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. Ray, residents of Louisiana, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on August 17, 2008, at the American Legion Hall in Clarksville:

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 Jerry and Jo Ann Ray for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the very 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. Jerry Clinton Ray, as a measure of the high esteem in which we hold them.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

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. 3944, adopted August 20, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker