

## House Resolution No. 3910

**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 six wondrous decades has passed since Richard E. Payne lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Reva Mae Speak, during a solemn ceremony on August 29, 1948, in Overland Park, Kansas; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Richard and Reva Payne have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include four children, Dr. John H. Payne, James E. Payne, the Honorable Rebecca Payne McClanahan, State Representative of the Second District, and Dr. Mary Jane Payne Suppasansathorn; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now retired, Richard Payne has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving sixty-three years as a Minister for the Church of God (Holiness), being a United States Army veteran of World War II who was assigned to guard duty with General George C. Marshall, General Omar N. Bradley, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and being the founder of a Barnabas Ministry; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Reva Payne further distinguished herself by serving fifty-five years in various settings as a registered nurse who worked one day per week until her mid-seventies, and by being a partner with her husband in Barnabas Ministry; and

**Whereas**, during their sixty years together, Richard and Reva Payne have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Payne of Kirksville will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on August 29, 2008:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Honorable Rebecca Payne McClanahan in extending our most hearty congratulations to her dear parents, Richard and Reva Payne, 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 the Reverend and Mrs. Richard E. Payne, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rebecca Payne McClanahan  
District No. 2

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. 3910, adopted August 18, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker