

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud and pleased to recognize marriage as one of the cornerstones of a vibrant and healthy society; and

Whereas, the members feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize Missouri couples who have enjoyed the benefits marriage offers; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Herbert and Mary Ellen Boeckelman, of Wellsville, Missouri, who will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary on September 7, 2008; and

Whereas, Herbert Boeckelman took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Ellen Vance, during a solemn ceremony held on September 7, 1958, at the Methodist Church in Centralia, Missouri, the groom the son of John and Ida Boeckelman and the bride the daughter of Roy and Hattie Vance; and

Whereas, Herbert and Mary Ellen Boeckelman have lived on the family farm their entire married life, and they continue to make their home there; and

Whereas, Mary Ellen Boeckelman is an exemplary wife, mother, and homemaker; and Herbert Boeckelman was a farmer and a custodian with the Wellsville-Middletown R-I School District for twenty-two years before retiring at the age of eighty-two; and

Whereas, both faithful members of the Grace Lutheran Church in Wellsville, Herbert and Mary Ellen Boeckelman are the proud parents of Margaret Strauss and Lucinda Ham and her husband, Richard, and the devoted grandparents of Tavessa Strauss, Tristan Strauss, Stephanie Strauss, Chad Strauss, Ashley Strauss, Tessa Ham, and Dayton Ham:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Herbert and Mary Ellen Boeckelman on the illustrious occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, with our very best wishes for many more happy years together; 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 in honor of Herbert and Mary Ellen Boeckelman, 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. _____, adopted _____, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker