

House Resolution No. 3984

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 five wondrous decades has passed since Bob Bohlken lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Riley, during a solemn ceremony on September 1, 1958, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dawson, Nebraska; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Bob and Mary Bohlken have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children and their spouses, Kathy and Ed Gumm of Maryville and Dan and Kelly Bohlken of Shawnee, Kansas; and four grandchildren; and

Whereas, Bob Bohlken has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes retiring from Northwest Missouri State University following forty years of service, being inducted into the International Listening Hall of Fame in 2006, and being a member of the Optimist Club, the Knights of Columbus, the United Way, the American Legion, and the Missouri Writers Guild; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mary Bohlken further distinguished herself by serving as a teacher at Eugene Field Elementary School in Maryville for twenty-two years prior to her retirement in 1994, and by being a member of Chapter HT, PEO; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Bob and Mary Bohlken have also enjoyed recognition by being very dedicated members of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, volunteers for Road To Recovery, and recipients of the Bishops Diocesan Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Life and Work of the Church; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bohlken of Maryville will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on August 31, 2008, at the Milburn Country Club in Overland Park, Kansas:

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 Bob and Mary Bohlken 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 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bohlken.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Thomson
District No. 4

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. 3984, adopted August 27, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker