

## House Resolution No. 4229

**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 Don Geilker lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Neita Geilker, during a solemn ceremony on June 21, 1958, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Don and Neita Geilker have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children and their spouses, Emily and Patrick Cena of Bakersville, North Carolina, and Eric and Joyce Geilker of Charlottesville, Virginia; and three grandchildren, Ralph, Adam, and Ivy Geilker of Charlottesville; and

**Whereas**, Don Geilker has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving in the Public Health Service; being an Atomic Energy Fellow at Oak Ridge, Tennessee; teaching thirty-six years in the Physics Department at William Jewell College, where he was the Department Chairman for twenty years; designing and overseeing the construction of the Pillsbury Observatory; and serving on the Liberty Planning and Zoning Commission for seven years and as a City Councilman for Ward 1 for twelve years; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Neita Geilker has further distinguished herself by working as a public school teacher; serving as an Adjunct Instructor at William Jewell College; being a speaker for Fred Pryor Seminars; developing her own business, Geilker and Associates; and being a member of the Historic District Review Commission; and

**Whereas**, Don and Neita Geilker derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with the Second Baptist Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Geilker of Liberty commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on June 21, 2008, at the Second Baptist Church in Liberty:

**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 Don and Neita Geilker 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. Don Geilker.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tim Flook  
District No. 34

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. 4229, adopted September 25, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker