

House Resolution No. 4425

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 fifty-six wondrous years has passed since John U. Roach lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Loretta Vardell, during a solemn ceremony during the Puxico VFW Homecoming on August 16, 1952; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, John and Loretta Roach have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children, Loretta Gerecke, Elizabeth Killmer, Dorothy Jean Roach (deceased), Alice Marie Stevenson, Lucetria Roach (deceased), John U. Roach, Jr., and twin daughters, Sharon Fay Simmers and Karon Gay Jones; eighteen grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, John Roach has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a veteran of the United States Army, an Emergency Medical Technician, an Alderman, a Boy Scout Leader, a recipient of the Paul Harris award, and a member of the Emergency Management Team, the VFW, the Stoddard County Veterans Honor Guard, the Masons, and the Order of the Eastern Star; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Loretta Roach further distinguished herself by being a Girl Scout Leader, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the VFW Auxiliary, and a recipient of the Woman of the Year award and the Paul Harris award; and

Whereas, during their fifty-six years together, John and Loretta Roach have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Roach of Puxico commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fifty-sixth Wedding Anniversary during the Puxico VFW Homecoming on August 16, 2008:

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 John and Loretta Roach 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. John U. Roach, Sr.

Offered by _____
Representative Billy Pat Wright
District No. 159

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. 4425, adopted October 21, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker