

House Resolution No. 4424

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 Elzie L. Wethington lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Wanda L. Smith, during a solemn ceremony on August 30, 1958, at the Hopewell General Baptist Church in Essex, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Elzie and Wanda Wethington have had the pleasure of raising two sons, Scott and Douglas, and the privilege of spoiling three grandchildren; and

Whereas, Elzie Wethington has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being an employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for nineteen years, the owner of CEJ Equipment Company for fourteen years, a retired farmer, a Deacon at Hopewell General Baptist Church, a Korean War Veteran of the United States Navy, a Stoddard County Commissioner, and a member of the Richland School Board, the Missouri State School Board, and Kenady-Hanks Post 59 American Legion; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Wanda Wethington further distinguished herself by being a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell for four years, secretary for CEJ Equipment Company for fourteen years, an assistant cashier for the Mercantile Bank for fourteen years, a Cub Scout Den Mother, and a volunteer for numerous church service projects and Meals-On-Wheels; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Elzie and Wanda Wethington have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Wethington of Dexter commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 30, 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 Elzie and Wanda Wethington 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. Elzie L. Wethington.

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. 4424, adopted October 21, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker