

## House Resolution No. 4469

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Vestal, treasured residents of Conway, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on October 4, 2008, with a festive celebration held at the Conway Community Center; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on October 5, 1958, Merlin Dean Vestal and Norma Faye Davis began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at the home of the Reverend Lavern Jones; and

**Whereas**, since that happy day, Merlin and Norma Vestal have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Vestal provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a truck mechanic for forty years, while Mrs. Vestal enjoyed her family immensely and showed her special love for them by dutifully caring for her home and remaining supportive of their every endeavor; and

**Whereas**, devout members of Mt. Pisgah Church where Merlin serves as a Deacon and Norma works as a volunteer, the Vestals attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their five children, Doe Dean, Deana Faye, Jerry Dale, Jerrod Dion, and Jeffrey Don (deceased); and their seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and seven step-great-grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for Merlin and Norma Vestal upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey 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. Merlin Vestal.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Darrell Pollock  
District No. 146

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. 4469, adopted October 27, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker