

## House Resolution No. 4500

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

**Whereas**, fifty years ago Jimmy Charles Howdeshell took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, Virginia Irene Largent, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony that was performed on November 7, 1958, at the Christian Church parsonage in Vandalia, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, five decades later Jimmy and Virginia Howdeshell of Vandalia will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church Hall in Vandalia on November 8, 2008; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Jimmy and Virginia Howdeshell has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Charles Howdeshell, Rita Howdeshell, and the late James Howdeshell, and their grandchildren, Amber, Crystal, and Timothy; and

**Whereas**, Jimmy Howdeshell met all of the needs and many of the desires of his growing family through his efforts as an electrician and lumberyard worker; and

**Whereas**, Virginia Howdeshell likewise contributed to the support and encouragement of her husband and children through her ownership and management of rental properties; and

**Whereas**, Virginia Howdeshell also deserves mention of her participation in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Vandalia Historical Society, and Business and Professional Women's Association; and

**Whereas**, Jimmy and Virginia Howdeshell will use the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Jimmy and Virginia Howdeshell during momentous times in their lives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Jimmy and Virginia Howdeshell and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; 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 presentation to Jimmy and Virginia Howdeshell as a measure of the high esteem in which we hold them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

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. 4500, adopted October 30, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker