

House Resolution No. 4645

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 Sterling Bridwell lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Anita Evans, during a solemn ceremony on November 7, 1958, at the Marshfield Christian Church in Marshfield, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Sterling and Anita Bridwell have had the pleasure of raising two children, Stephen Craig Bridwell and Michael Sterling Bridwell, and the privilege of spoiling one grandson, Austin Sterling Bridwell; one step-granddaughter, Andrea Cannada; and one great-granddaughter, Baylee Rose Potter; and

Whereas, Sterling Bridwell has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes toiling as a dairy farmer for sixty-five years; serving as a Custodian at Rogersville High School for five years, a Deacon at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, and President of the Marshfield Chapter of FFA; and being a member of the Missouri Extension Council, the Webster County Fair Board, and Gideons International; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Anita Bridwell has further distinguished herself by working at a casket factory for eight years, at Hagaler Garment Factory for six years, as a cake decorator at Cunningham's Grocery for sixteen years, and as a teacher at the Marshfield Child Development Center; and by serving as President of the P.T.A., President of the Christian Women Fellowship, Home Room Mother for FFA, Sunday School Teacher, Cub Scout Den Mother, and member of the Missouri Extension Council; and

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

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bridwell of Rogersville commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on November 9, 2008, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church:

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 Sterling and Anita Bridwell 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. Sterling Bridwell.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

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. 4645, adopted November 18, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker