

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The institution of marriage is one of the
3 cornerstones upon which our society is built, and marriage
4 that has achieved a notable longevity is truly a model for
5 the people of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Mr. and Mrs.
7 Edward Drea of Springfield will celebrate the fiftieth
8 anniversary of their marriage; and

9 WHEREAS, Edward F. Drea and Doris M. Reynolds were united
10 in marriage on June 20, 1953 at St. Rita Catholic Church in
11 Kincaid by the Most Reverend Father Hart; and

12 WHEREAS, Doris grew up on a farm where she learned the
13 core values of strong family and a loving home from her
14 parents Jesse and Hazel Reynolds; and

15 WHEREAS, Following the early death of his father, Ed was
16 raised by his mother Hettie during the Great Depression and
17 the Midland Mine Wars and learned that love and respect for
18 God and Family will overcome hardship and violence; and

19 WHEREAS, Edward Drea served his country during World War
20 II in the United States Army Air Corps; during his service he
21 was a radio operator on a B-24 Bomber in the South Pacific;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Following World War II, Edward returned to the
24 Illinois Midland and worked as a Coal Miner at Peabody Mine
25 #8 in Tovey; he later transferred to Peabody Coal Company
26 Mine #10 in Pawnee where he worked as a Union Coal Miner and
27 rose through the ranks to the position of Assistant
28 Superintendent; and

29 WHEREAS, Living on the farm, Doris also worked at the
30 Kincaid Dress Factory as a seamstress and later worked for

1 the Taylorville School District and St. Vincent Memorial
2 Hospital while also being a mother, wife and homemaker; and

3 WHEREAS, Both Edward and Doris took part in the school
4 and extracurricular activities of their children by serving
5 as adult leaders in Scouting and cheering on their children
6 and grandchildren at athletic events; and

7 WHEREAS, Doris and Edward are active participants at the
8 Cathedral Parish in Springfield, where Doris serves as a
9 Kindergarten Aide and Edward volunteers in the school
10 lunchroom and other school activities; and

11 WHEREAS, Edward and Doris Drea are the loving parents of
12 Edward Joseph (wife, Lori), Timothy Edward (wife, Elizabeth),
13 and Tama Lynn; the grandparents of Trevor, Tiffany, Brandon,
14 Bradley, Andrew and Bridget; and great-grandparents of Gavin;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The respect for marriage reaches one of its
17 highest plateaus when a couple such as Edward and Doris
18 celebrate their golden anniversary; and

19 WHEREAS; Edward and Doris Drea stand as examples of the
20 best of our society, and their love and devotion to each
21 other and to their family and friends serve as a reminder to
22 all that hard work, dedication, and love can make a
23 difference in today's world; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-
25 THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
26 congratulate Edward and Doris Drea on the occasion of their
27 fiftieth wedding anniversary; that we commend them for
28 achieving a long and happy marriage, blessed with children
29 and grandchildren and rich in friendships and that we wish
30 them happiness and good health in the future; and be it
31 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Edward and Doris Drea as an expression of our
3 respect and esteem.