

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The institution of marriage is one of the
3 cornerstones upon which our society is built, and a 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 Martin Vota of Taylorville will celebrate the fiftieth
8 anniversary of their marriage; and

9 WHEREAS, Martin J. Vota and Dorothy R. Spisak were united
10 in holy matrimony on May 30, 1953 at Holy Rosary (Slovak)
11 Catholic Church in Chicago after meeting at Lake 26 near
12 Spooner, Wisconsin in 1951; and

13 WHEREAS, Dorothy was raised in the Roseland neighborhood
14 of Chicago by her father, John, and her mother, Anna, where
15 she learned that the love of a strong family was a key to
16 happiness; she graduated from High School in Chicago and
17 worked at Hart, Schafner, and Marx and Celotex as a
18 bookkeeper; and

19 WHEREAS, Dorothy left the workforce in 1953 to become a
20 wife, mother, and a homemaker; and

21 WHEREAS, Martin was raised in Langleyville by Martin and
22 Katie Vota where he learned from his parents that hard work
23 and lasting friendships were a richness unsurpassed by
24 wealth; and

25 WHEREAS, Martin Vota left his family farm near
26 Langleyville in the early 1930s following the early death of
27 his father to join the Conservation Corps to help support his
28 mother; he also served his country during World War II in the
29 United States Army Infantry in Southern France in the Colmar
30 pocket; and

1 WHEREAS, Following World War II, Martin returned to
2 Chicago and enrolled in radio repair school to learn a trade;
3 he later upgraded his skills in the field of television
4 repair; and

5 WHEREAS, Martin and Dorothy moved to Decatur where they
6 opened the family business, Decatur Television Engineers;
7 moving their business to Bulpitt in 1966, and following a
8 destructive fire, they moved their business to Kincaid in
9 1972; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1966, Dorothy joined Martin in the family
11 business as the bookkeeper where they worked together until
12 their retirement in 1988; and

13 WHEREAS, Martin and Dorothy are the loving parents of
14 Cathy, Martin, Cindy, Lori, and Robin; and the grandparents
15 of Heidi Vota, Matthew Arnold, Arika Arnold, Katie Arnold,
16 Andy Drea, Keegan Ward, Haylen Vota, and Bridget Drea; and

17 WHEREAS, The respect for marriage reaches ones of its
18 highest plateaus when a couple such as Martin and Dorothy
19 Vota celebrate their golden anniversary; and

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

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

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Martin and Dorothy Vota as an expression of our
4 respect and esteem.