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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The institution of marriage and service to others is one of the cornerstones upon which our society is built, and a marriage that has achieved a notable longevity is truly a model for the people of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that on July 4, 2004, Mr. and Mrs. H. Joseph and Val Gitlin of Woodstock will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary of their marriage; and

WHEREAS, Each one of this partnership in life has made possible the other's many achievements as a nationally recognized attorney, a civic leader in the fine arts, their varied individual community service, distinguished laureate of the Illinois State Bar Association, President of the Woodstock Fine Arts Association, Chairman of the County Board, Trustee of McHenry County Schools, Mayor of the great city of Woodstock, author, singer, and recipients of many other awards and recognitions; and

WHEREAS, While all of Joe's and Val's recognitions for community and national service are richly deserved and stand as examples of the best of our society, their real achievement is combining their love and devotion to each other, with their wonderful children, Gunnar and Laura and grandchildren, Miriam, Alissa, and Hannah, and their relatives and friends and reminding us all that hard work, dedication, and love can make a difference in today's world; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Joseph and Val Gitlin on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary; that we commend them for achieving a long and happy marriage and we wish them happiness and good health in the future; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Joseph and Val Gitlin as a token of our respect
3 and esteem.