



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the  
3 members of the House of Representatives believe that the  
4 institution of marriage is one of the cornerstones upon which  
5 our society is built, and a marriage that has achieved a  
6 notable longevity is truly a model for the people of the State  
7 of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Dr. and Mrs.  
9 Manford Byrd, Jr., recently celebrated the fiftieth  
10 anniversary of their marriage at a dinner party given by their  
11 children at the Oak Lawn Hilton in Oak Lawn; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Manford and Cheribelle Byrd were united in  
13 holy matrimony on March 31, 1956, at St. Barbara's Church in  
14 Bridgeport; and

15 WHEREAS, They are the loving parents of three sons and the  
16 proud grandparents of eight grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Byrd is the former General Superintendent of  
18 the Chicago Public Schools, and Mrs. Cheribelle Byrd is a  
19 former teacher and Early Childhood Administrator; the  
20 dedicated couple had a combined total of almost 75 years of  
21 service in public education when they retired in 1990; and

22 WHEREAS, The Byrds spend their retirement consulting on a  
23 part-time basis; they are also very active in civic, community,  
24 social, and philanthropic areas; they also enjoy spending time  
25 with their family, traveling, and being Florida snow birds; and

26 WHEREAS, The respect for marriage reaches one of its  
27 highest plateaus when a couple such as Manford and Cheribelle  
28 celebrate their golden wedding anniversary; and

1           WHEREAS, Manford and Cheribelle stand as examples of the  
2 best of our society, and their love and devotion to each other  
3 and to their family and friends serve as a reminder to all that  
4 hard work, dedication, and love can make a difference in  
5 today's world; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Manford Byrd, Jr., on the occasion  
9 of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and we commend them for  
10 achieving a long and happy marriage, blessed with children and  
11 grandchildren and rich in friendships; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to them as an expression of our respect and esteem  
14 and with our best wishes for happiness and good health in the  
15 future.