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## 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 the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Mr. and Mrs.
7 George Murphy of Springfield, Illinois, recently celebrated
8 the fifty-fifth anniversary of their marriage; and

9 WHEREAS, George Murphy and Mary Virginia Skube were 10 united in holy matrimony on March 2, 1946, at Sacred Heart 11 Church in Springfield by the Reverend John Brockmeier; George 12 Murphy is a veteran of World War II, where he served in both 13 the European and Pacific Theaters; he is retired from the 14 United States Postal Service; Mary Virginia Murphy is 15 homemaker; and

16 WHEREAS, They are the loving parents of George (wife, 17 Margaret), Trish Jackson, Diane (husband, Tom) Cavanagh, and 18 the late Sharon Noonan (husband, Matt); the proud 19 grandparents of twelve wonderful grandchildren; and the 20 doting great-grandparents of five great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, The respect for marriage reaches one of its 22 highest plateaus when a couple such as George and Mary 23 Virginia celebrate such a special wedding anniversary; and

24 WHEREAS, George and Mary Virginia stand as examples of 25 the best of our society, and their love and devotion to each 26 other and to their family and friends serve as a reminder to 27 all that hard work, dedication, and love can make a 28 difference in today's world; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 30 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 31 we congratulate George and Mary Virginia Murphy on the occasion of their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary; that we commend them for achieving a long and happy marriage, blessed with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and rich in friendships; and that we wish them happiness and good health in the future; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 7 presented to them as an expression of our respect and esteem.

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