

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Clayborn on the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 1965, Melvin Clayborn and Bobbie Jean Henderson were joined in holy matrimony in Memphis, Tennessee, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Clayborn have been highly respected citizens of their community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayborn is enjoying his much deserved retirement, while Mrs. Clayborn is a devoted homemaker; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Clayborns' children are Marilyn Lacienna Bonner and her husband, Eric, and Jessica Denise; and

WHEREAS, the Clayborns are also the proud grandparents of two grandchildren, Erica Lacienna Bonner and Erin Michelle Bonner; and

WHEREAS, the Clayborns are currently the proud owners of Minnie, their loyal and faithful pet dog of two years; and

WHEREAS, for 40 years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Clayborns' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Melvin and Bobbie Jean Clayborn on the celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.