

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 573  
By Person, Curtis

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Marge and John Willingham on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> 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 February 4, 1956, Marjorie Ann Yock and Commissioner John Herman Willingham were joined in holy matrimony, 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. Willingham 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. and Mrs. Willingham serve with acumen and alacrity as the owners of Willingham Associates, WHAM Company, Inc., and Willingham's Restaurants, in which positions they have earned the respect of their customers, their employees, and their community for the exemplary quality of their service; and

WHEREAS, they are devout and active members of Christ the King Lutheran Church on Park Avenue in Memphis, which they have served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three daughters, Kristi Marie Willingham Goldsmith, Kara Elizabeth Willingham Wilbanks, and Karla Vauceil Willingham Templeton, each of whom has excelled in her particular field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Willinghams are also the proud grandparents of: John Landman and Justin Willingham Goldsmith, sons of Kristi and Larry Goldsmith; Tessa Kade and Terra Kate

Wilbanks, daughters of Kara and Durell Wilbanks; and Loyd Clayton, IV, and MarjorieAnn Ross Templeton, children of Karla and Loyd Templeton, III; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; their wedding anniversary celebration will be held on February 4, 2006, in the Tower Room at the top of the Clark Tower Building in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Willingham's 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Marge and John Willingham on the celebration of their fiftieth 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.