

HOUSE RESOLUTION 321

By Harmon

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Don and Shirley Hitchcock on the celebration of their fiftieth 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, Don and Shirley Hitchcock will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary at Fall Creek Falls Inn on May 15, 2010, a joyful gathering that has been planned by their loving children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1960, Don and Shirley Hitchcock were joined in holy matrimony in LaFayette, Georgia, 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. Hitchcock have been highly respected citizens of their community for fifty years, living on Little Falls Road in Spencer since they were married; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcocks have owned and operated Hitchcock's, Inc., for forty-two years; their family business comprises four stores: Hitchcock's Shell III, a convenience store; The Final Touch, a gift store in Spencer; Fall Creek Falls Gift Store; and Fall Creek Falls General Store; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hitchcock currently serves as the president of the Van Buren County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcocks evince their devout religious faith as members of Spencer Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Hitchcocks' children are Rebecca Hitchcock Harris, Melodie Hitchcock Hodges, and Ronnie Hitchcock; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcocks are also the proud grandparents of Andrew Colby Wheeler, Wesley Ward Wheeler, Sheldon Coffman Hitchcock, and Shelene Richelle Hitchcock; and

WHEREAS, for fifty 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 Hitchcocks' 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Don and Shirley Hitchcock 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.