

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 334

By Turner J

A RESOLUTION to congratulate William and Clara Meeks on the celebration of their sixty-fifth 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, sixty-five years ago, William and Clara Meeks 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. Meeks 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. Meeks served with acumen and alacrity as a masonry contractor, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he used his work as a contractor as a tool to teach his sons the value of hard work; growing up, each of the boys worked with their father during the summer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Meeks worked to ensure her family had a happy and healthy home; and

WHEREAS, the Meeks grew two large gardens each year and used the harvest to feed their family; and

WHEREAS, Clara still enjoys having her garden, canning vegetables, and making jellies every year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Meeks are devoted members of Lake Grove Missionary Baptist Church and have a deep history with both the church and community; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced five children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Meeks' children are William Jr., Calvin, James, Terry, and Don; and

WHEREAS, the Meeks are also proud grandparents and actively participate in their grandchildren's lives; and

WHEREAS, in the past, and even today, Mr. and Mrs. Meeks are well-known within the community; acting as parental figures for many of people they know; and

WHEREAS, the Meeks have touched the hearts of countless people within their community; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-five 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 Meeks' 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate William and Clara Meeks on the celebration of their sixty-fifth 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.