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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Norman and Brenda Johnson on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on March 18, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Norman and Brenda Johnson were married on March 18, 1961; together, they have one daughter, Lorrie Leuthold, three granddaughters, Jessica Young, Angela Moriarity, and Brittany Krynski, and one great grandchild, Jax; and

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WHEREAS, With a dream of becoming a doctor, Norman Johnson attended Augustana College in Rock Island, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1975; Brenda, then working as a beautician and taking on multiple side jobs, helped put Norman through medical school, first at University of Illinois in Champaign then later at Peoria College of Medicine, where he graduated in 1978; Norman then entered an internal medicine residency at Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, where he graduated in 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Norman Johnson started a private practice in Pekin in 1981; he then formed the Delavan Medical Center the following year; three years later, he formed the Medical Clinic in Morton and the East Peoria Multi-Specialty Group; and

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1 WHEREAS, Norman and Brenda Johnson created Health
2 Professionals Ltd. in 1995 and Advanced Correctional
3 Healthcare in 2003; the family business, which provides health
4 care services to jails, has 205 facilities in 17 states, serves
5 more than 25,000 inmates, and employs more than 500
6 individuals; Advanced Correctional Healthcare was ranked 37th
7 on Inc. Magazine's list of the fastest growing health care
8 companies in the U.S. in 2007; their daughter, Lorrie, and her
9 husband, Neil, work closely with the family business; and

10 WHEREAS, Brenda Johnson owned and operated Johnson & Vaughn
11 Jewelers and Johnson Fine Jewelry until 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, Norman Johnson is a past president of Opera
13 Illinois and was chairman of finance for the Central Illinois
14 Medical Association; he has also served on the Illinois
15 Department of Public Health Alzheimer's Research Peer Review
16 Committee and the Illinois Medical Society Political Action
17 Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, Norman and Brenda Johnson enjoy dining out with
19 friends, golf, ballroom dancing, and spending time with their
20 family; they have traveled to Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Spain,
21 Morocco, Italy, the Caribbean, and China, and spend seven weeks
22 each year in Hawaii; in addition, Brenda is an avid art

1 collector and Norman enjoys deep sea fishing; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Norman and Brenda Johnson on the occasion of
5 their 50th wedding anniversary and wish them many happy and
6 healthy years to come; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Norman and Brenda Johnson as a symbol of our
9 esteem and respect.