

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The institution of marriage is one of the  
3 cornerstones upon which our society is built, and a marriage  
4 that has achieved a notable longevity is truly a model for  
5 the people of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Edmund and  
7 Jean Lawler of Midlothian, Illinois, will celebrate the  
8 fiftieth anniversary of their marriage; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lawler were united in holy  
10 matrimony on April 26, 1952; and

11 WHEREAS, Originally from Chicago's Beverly neighborhood,  
12 Edmund and Jean Lawler moved to Oak Forest in 1961 and to  
13 Midlothian in 1970; and

14 WHEREAS, They are the loving parents of Edmund, Timothy,  
15 Marianne, Eileen, Elizabeth, and the late Daniel; and the  
16 grandparents of Griffin, Bryan, Meghan, Moira, Siobhan,  
17 Catherine, Daniel, Leah, Margaret, Kevin, Quinn, and Alice;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Edmund Lawler is a veteran of the United States  
20 Army (1952-1954) and the Korean War; he is the former  
21 Director of Oak Forest Hospital, a post he held for 34 years  
22 until his retirement in 1993; he is a founding member of his  
23 parish, St. Damian's Catholic Church in Oak Forest as well as  
24 a founding member of the St. Damian's Grammar School Board of  
25 Education, which helped to create the school; he currently is  
26 a lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons  
27 (AARP) and teaches graduate courses in hospital  
28 administration at various colleges; in his spare time he  
29 enjoys playing golf; and

30 WHEREAS, Jean Lawler is a former teacher and nurse and  
31 served as a patient representative at Oak Forest Hospital for

1 ten years; in her free time she enjoys reading, playing  
2 bridge, and gardening; and

3 WHEREAS, The respect for marriage reaches one of its  
4 highest plateaus when a couple such as Edmund and Jean Lawler  
5 celebrate their golden wedding anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, Edmund and Jean Lawler stand as examples of the  
7 best of our society, and their love and devotion to each  
8 other and to their family and friends serve as a reminder to  
9 all that hard work, dedication, and love can make a  
10 difference in today's world; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we congratulate Edmund and Jean Lawler on the occasion of  
14 their fiftieth wedding anniversary; that we commend them for  
15 achieving a long and happy marriage, blessed with children  
16 and grandchildren and rich in friendships; and that we wish  
17 them happiness and good health in the future; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Edmund and Jean Lawler as an expression of our  
21 respect and esteem.