

House Resolution No. 52

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Robert L. "Bob" Odell lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Bette J. Jones, during a solemn ceremony on January 1, 1952, at the First Presbyterian Church in Princeton, Indiana; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Bob and Bette Odell have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children, Valerie G. and Matthew D. Richardson, Daniel Ray Odell (deceased), and David Jay Odell (deceased); and their grandchildren, Brian Daniel Richardson and Blythe Abigail Richardson; and

Whereas, now retired, Bob Odell has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being an employee of J.C. Penney Company, co-owner of Odell's Cleaners & Laundry and Buddy's Cleaners, a United States Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, a Poplar Bluff City Councilman, Poplar Bluff Mayor, member of the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, President of the Poplar Bluff Rotary Club, Charter member of the Poplar Bluff Elks Club, Boy Scout volunteer, and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Poplar Bluff; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Bette Odell further distinguished herself as co-owner of Odell's Cleaners & Laundry and Buddy's Cleaners, past President of Beta Sigma Phi, a member of the Board of Directors of the Margaret Harwell Art Museum and the Poplar Bluff Rescue Mission, a Girl Scout volunteer, and a member of the Poplar Bluff Porcelain Artists, the Malden China Painters, and the First Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Odell of Poplar Bluff will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a reception to be hosted by their loved ones and the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church on January 20, 2002, at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bob and Bette Odell at this significant milestone and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey together walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Odell.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark L. Richardson
District No. 154

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 52, adopted January 17, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

