

House Resolution No. 783

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Itschner, treasured residents of Perry, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Seventy-fifth Wedding Anniversary on March 6, 2005, with a festive celebration to be held at the Perry Christian Church; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on March 8, 1930, Russell Itschner and Leona Bennight began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Macon; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband who collects antique tools and works at Miss Daisy Antique Shop, Mr. Itschner provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a coal miner and Superintendent of Perry Public Utilities, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Cannon Wholesale Water District, Perry Chamber of Commerce, and the Ralls County Historical Society; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who likes painting china and gardening, Mrs. Itschner enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a member of the Entre Nous Club and the Ralls County Historical Society; and

Whereas, Russell and Leona Itschner attribute their seventy-five years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three children, Judy Itschner, Shirley Levings, and Janna Gordanier; and their three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, devout members of Perry Christian Church, Russell and Leona Itschner have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Russell and Leona Itschner upon the glorious celebration of their Seventy-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey 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. Russell Itschner.

Offered by _____
 Representative Rachel Bringer
 District No. 6

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 783, adopted February 24, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker