

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 548

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Lynn and Carolyn Carter on the celebration of their fiftieth 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, on December 16, 1961, Lynn Carter and Carolyn Walsh were joined in holy matrimony, and since that joyful day, this outstanding couple has together celebrated life's blessings and weathered its sorrows, growing stronger every day with the love that they share for one another; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Carter are highly respected citizens, generous of their time and energy and eager to improve the quality of life for all in their community; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Rogersville High School and attending East Tennessee State University, Mr. Carter served with acumen and alacrity as an industrial engineering technician at Eastman Chemical Company for thirty-six years; he has represented the Holston Electric Cooperative district since 1999, and was recently elected to serve as the cooperative's president; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Carter received the President's Volunteer Service Award, issued by Of One Accord ministries, for his extensive service of 4,000 volunteer hours to the organization and, as chairman of the board of directors for ten years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this award, Mr. Carter has also received the Character Counts Outstanding Character Award, Hawkins County Schools Exemplary Role Model Award, and a Tennessee Senate Resolution Commendation; and

WHEREAS, in his unending service to his community, he acts as commissioner of the First Utility District of Church Hill, coordinator of Emergency Services of Church Hill, and executive board member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, both Mr and Mrs. Carter are active and longstanding members of First Baptist Church in Church Hill, where Mr. Carter has taught Sunday School for thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished and spirited individual, Mrs. Carter has made many contributions to her community through various organizations and service activities; and

WHEREAS, she is greatly respected by her church and community for her commitment to improving the lives of her fellow citizens;

WHEREAS, a glowing symbol of strong family values, Mrs. Carter is loved and honored by her family and friends for her constant generosity, wisdom, and support; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, who have both excelled in their chosen endeavors: Tim and wife, Dana Parker, and David and wife, Linda Parker; and

WHEREAS, the Carters are also the proud grandparents of Carter, Isaac, Jessica, and Allison Parker; and

WHEREAS, for fifty 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 Carters' are the foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of strength and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lynn and Carolyn Carter on the celebration of their fiftieth 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.