

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 993

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Billy and Janice Reeves upon the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take 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, Billy and Janice Reeves were joined in holy matrimony on March 17, 1962, at First Baptist Church of Surgoinsville, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves were classmates in their hometown of Surgoinsville, from first grade in 1944 until their high school graduation in 1957; a baseball game in August 1959 brought them together, and after sharing soft drinks at the local drive-in restaurant, they became college sweethearts; and

WHEREAS, engaged in December 1960, the couple put their marriage plans on hold while Mr. Reeves began pursuing a master's degree in chemistry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; after he had completed two quarters of graduate studies, the couple married on Saint Patrick's Day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reeves graduated from Lincoln Memorial University with a degree in chemistry, and Mrs. Reeves graduated from Carson-Newman College, with a degree in sociology; and

WHEREAS, highly respected citizens of their community, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves have donated their time and efforts to a number of community organizations over the years, including the Tennessee Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Women, Tennessee Farmer's Co-Op of Rogersville, Hawkins County Republican Party and Republican Women, Family Community Education Club, and First Broad Street United and Methodist Church of Kingsport; they have also served as election poll staff; and

WHEREAS, with a passion for farming, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves began Reeves Angus Farm in 1965 and today, are still selling registered Angus cattle from their two farms; and

WHEREAS, avid fans of University of Tennessee football, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves have been attending games each year for the past fifty-two seasons; their season tickets have been in the same seats since 1970; and

WHEREAS, they are the proud parents of two daughters and grandparents of four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for sixty 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 Reeveses' truly represent the best and brightest of our society, as they remind us of the intrinsic value of continuity and commitment in this ever-changing world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Billy and Janice Reeves on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our warmest wishes for 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.