

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1159

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Charles and Linda Martin on the celebration of their eleventh 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, Charles and Linda Martin exchanged wedding vows on June 12, 1999, at St. Rita Catholic Church in Harahan, Louisiana, and since that blessed day, they have 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. Martin have been highly respected citizens of their community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Linda Martin was raised in a large and loving family ten miles outside of New Orleans, Louisiana, in the small town of Harahan; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Clarksville, Tennessee, she met her future husband, Charles Martin, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Charles Martin grew up in Jamaica Plain, a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts, and made his home in Clarksville after moving to the Mid-South over nineteen years ago; and

WHEREAS, while both Mr. and Mrs. Martin miss the unique cultural aspects of their respective birth places, they have made the lush, green, rolling hills of Middle Tennessee their adoptive home; and

WHEREAS, Charles Martin has been employed by Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville for over twelve years, serving with the utmost professionalism

and integrity, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, working as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Vanderbilt Medical Center in the Diabetes Clinic, Linda Martin serves as an inspiration to her patients and co-workers, performing her duties at the highest level of competence and expertise; and

WHEREAS, as active and devout members of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mr. and Mrs. Martin are known for their solid Christian belief, their service and love, and their role as a reservoir of faith and outreach to the people of their community; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in their community, the couple have participated in several noteworthy organizations, including the Knights of Columbus and the Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women; and

WHEREAS, taking an active role in politics, Charles and Linda Martin are dedicated members of the Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Republican Party, volunteering their invaluable time and energies to numerous local, state, and federal campaigns, including three presidential campaigns and three state representative campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the happy couple enjoy spending time with their family and friends, and participating in their many and varied interests, especially traveling, reading, collecting books, and collecting transportation memorabilia; and

WHEREAS, for eleven 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 Martins' 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the family and friends of Charles and Linda Martin in celebrating this exemplary couple's eleventh wedding anniversary and extend to Mr. and Mrs. Martin 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.