

HOUSE RESOLUTION 196

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Willard and Carolyn Cummings 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 May 23, 1959, Willard Cummings and Carolyn Merrell were joined in holy matrimony in Cherry Valley, Arkansas, 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. Cummings have been highly respected citizens of their community for a number of 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, following twenty-five years of travel during Mr. Cummings's career with the federal government, the Cummingses moved to Cookeville in 1985; they were the proud proprietors of Cummings Business and Tax Service for ten years; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two daughters, each of whom has excelled in her particular field of endeavor; the Cummingses' children and their spouses are Deborah Cummings Blessman and David Blessman and Lana Cummings Brookshire and Steve Brookshire; 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 Cummingses' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Willard and Carolyn Cummings 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.