

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1686

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Roger Carroll Way and Suzan Bird Keezel Way upon the occasion of their fiftieth 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, on March 25, 1972, at First Christian Church Morristown, Roger Carroll Way and Suzan Bird Keezel were joined in holy matrimony, 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, the son of the late Reverend Burton and Leota Sams Way, Roger Way served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1972; he retired after forty years in retail management; and

WHEREAS, Suzan Way is the daughter of the late William Keezel and Winifred Bird Keezel Johnson and stepdaughter of Brenda Keezel and the late Cliff Johnson; she has been a Tennessee licensed insurance agent and owner of Bunnies' Lair, a Tennessee-licensed child care facility; and

WHEREAS, Roger and Suzan Way became acquainted as pen pals while Mr. Way was on a remote assignment in the Philippines, and the two first met on the Walters State Community College campus in Morristown; and

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

WHEREAS, their marriage has been blessed with four daughters, Christina (Reverend Travis) Webb, Katharyn (James Dustin) Chandler, Jessica (David) Young, and Alexandra (Phillip) Lenz; fourteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; 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 Ways' 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Roger Carroll Way and Suzan Bird Keezel Way on the occasion of their fiftieth 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.