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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The institution of marriage is one of the cornerstones upon which our society is built, and a marriage that has achieved a notable longevity is truly a model for the people of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gorens, Sr., of Springfield, Illinois, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on July 13, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Bobby and Betty Gorens, Sr., have a long and distinguished history of dedication and service to their family, church, and community; for 50 years they have lived and worked in the Springfield community; and

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WHEREAS, After serving his country in the United States Army, Bobby Gorens, Sr., was employed with the United States Post Office and Illinois Bell for 40 years until his retirement in 1996; during his career he was a baseball star and had the chance to play for the major leagues but could not due to the Jim Crow laws; in addition, he was a member of the ABC Bowling Association, where he bowled in tournaments around the country for 20 years; and he is an active member of the American Legion Post 809; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Gorens has been a housewife, mother, and grandmother for the past 50 years; she was also a member of the ABC Bowling Association and has bowled in tournaments around the country for 15 years; in addition, she has been known to co-write with her mother Christian plays that have been seen at different churches around the country; she has traveled with the All Nations Tabernacle church choir and is the founder and member of the "Fellowship", a church group dedicated to doing God's work for the past 18 years; she also serves as a counselor to the young people of the Springfield

1 community; Mrs. Gorens is the recipient of the "Special Merit
2 Award", a certificate of achievement for Christian service;
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4 WHEREAS, Bobby and Betty Gorens, Sr., will celebrate
5 their fiftieth wedding anniversary with the reaffirmation of
6 their wedding vows on July 13, 2002, at the Ramada Inn
7 Springfield in the presence of family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Bobby and Betty Gorens, Sr., stand as examples
9 of the best of our society, and their love and devotion to
10 each other and to their family and friends serve as a
11 reminder to all that hard work, dedication, and love can make
12 a difference in today's world; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Bobby and Betty Gorens, Sr., on the occasion
16 of their fiftieth wedding anniversary; that we commend them
17 for achieving a long and happy marriage, blessed with
18 children and grandchildren and rich in friendships; and that
19 we wish them happiness and good health in the future; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gorens, Sr., as an
23 expression of our respect and esteem.