

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

6 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Mr. and Mrs.
7 Richard Labek of Chicago, Illinois, will celebrate the
8 fiftieth anniversary of their marriage; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard V. Labek and Joan S. Stefanski were
10 united in holy matrimony on September 27, 1952 at Holy
11 Trinity Catholic Church in Chicago; and

12 WHEREAS, A 1950 graduate of Holy Family Academy High
13 School, Joan Labek worked as a gift wrapper designing demo
14 packages for Marshall Field's window displays on State Street
15 from 1950 to 1952 and served as a secretary for the Milwaukee
16 Railroad from 1952 to 1954; since 1964, she has enjoyed life
17 as a mother, wife, and homemaker and takes pleasure in the
18 planning of family events and creating lasting memories; and

19 WHEREAS, A 1945 graduate of St. Patrick High School,
20 Richard Labek served his country during World War II in the
21 United States Army; during his service he trained in the
22 Cavalry, trained in the Horse Rifle Pack Division, and
23 transferred as a Technician Fourth Grade Rating Armor
24 Mechanic; after being discharged from the Army in 1947, he
25 went on to earn a degrees at Coyne Electrical School and
26 DeVry Institute of Technology; and

27 WHEREAS, From 1947 to 1970, Mr. Labek owned a television
28 and radio repair business; he has been employed since 1970 as
29 an Electrical Operator for the Water Reclamation District of
30 Greater Chicago, where he has served for 30 years without the
31 use of "sick days"; Mr. Labek enjoys creating family

1 keepsakes, gardening, woodcarving, repairing religious
2 artifacts, and being a devoted husband and father; and

3 WHEREAS, Richard and Joan Labek are the loving parents of
4 Richard (wife, Janice) Labek, Donna (husband, Mark)
5 Contreras, and Michael Labek; and the grandparents of Joseph,
6 Matthew, and Michael Labek and Curtis, Jessica, Peter, Marc,
7 David, and Jacob Contreras; and

8 WHEREAS, The respect for marriage reaches one of its
9 highest plateaus when a couple such as Richard and Joan Labek
10 celebrate their golden wedding anniversary; and

11 WHEREAS, Richard and Joan Labek stand as examples of the
12 best of our society, and their love and devotion to each
13 other and to their family and friends serve as a reminder to
14 all that hard work, dedication, and love can make a
15 difference in today's world; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Richard and Joan Labek on the occasion of
19 their fiftieth wedding anniversary; that we commend them for
20 achieving a long and happy marriage, blessed with children
21 and grandchildren and rich in friendships; and that we wish
22 them happiness and good health in the future; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to Richard and Joan Labek as an expression of our
26 respect and esteem.