

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 696

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Verlie and Carolyn Horner on the celebration of their 50th 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 July 13, 1959, Verlie and Carolyn Horner were joined in holy matrimony at the Mt. Airy United Methodist Church in Hamblen County, 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 Horners 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, after attending aviation school in Florida, Verlie Horner worked for a number of years in the aviation industry before retiring from the City of Morristown Public Works Department, where he won the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues throughout his exemplary term of service; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Horner graduated from business school in Morristown and retired from the medical office of Dr. J.B. Sams, demonstrating the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, during the golden years of their retirement, Mr. Horner enjoys the challenge of operating his computerized flight simulator when not attending meetings of the Romeo (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Club, while Mrs. Horner actively participates in water aerobics at a local community center and cooks frequently for family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the Horners are renown as gracious hosts and love to open their home for holiday get-togethers, where guests undoubtedly enjoy Verlie Horner's inspiring landscaping and gardens; and

WHEREAS, Verlie and Carolyn Horner are lifelong members of Mt. Airy United Methodist Church, which they have served in various capacities throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, Renee, who is married to Calvin Williams, and Pam, who is married to Hamblen County Mayor David Purkey; and

WHEREAS, the Horners are also the proud grandparents of two grandchildren: Neenah, who just graduated from high school, and Lowell, who is serving in the U.S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love, and the Horners will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary by traveling to Hawaii with their granddaughter, Neenah; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Horners' 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, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Verlie and Carolyn Horner on the celebration of their 50th 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.