**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE WAYNE HODGE AND SHIRLEY A. HODGE OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Wayne Hodge and Shirley A. Hodge of Ruby in Chesterfield County will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 27, 2021; and

Whereas, there is no greater success in life than a marriage and family life that endure the test of time and grow stronger with each passing year; and

Whereas, the long‑lasting love and support of a spouse is unmatched in its importance and cannot be overestimated; and

Whereas, Shirley was born in Aiken County’s Vaucluse, and Wayne was born and raised in Ruby. Married on June 27, 1971, Wayne and Shirley, in God’s time, became the proud parents of two children, who have blessed their mom and dad with five grandchildren and one great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, with his wife, Sister Shirley, by his side, Reverend Hodge has served as a full‑time pastor in six churches in South Carolina; and

Whereas, for over thirty years while serving in the pastoral ministry, Reverend Hodge traveled thousands of miles with his family, singing as the Hodge Family and providing Southern gospel music in the national spotlight. While traveling from state to state, the Hodges continued to maintain their family life; and

Whereas, Reverend Hodge and Shirley still fill in at times in the pulpit and perform an occasional concert as the Hodge Family; and

Whereas, their commitment to one another over the past fifty years is to be revered and serves as an inspiration to both family and friends; and

Whereas, in recognition of this happy occasion, the couple will be honored by family and friends with a celebratory event on Saturday, June 26, 2021; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the House of Representatives express their congratulations to these two special South Carolinians on reaching the milestone of their golden wedding anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Wayne Hodge and Shirley A. Hodge of Chesterfield County on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend best wishes for much continued happiness and fulfillment in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Wayne Hodge and Shirley A. Hodge.

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