**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE MR. AND MRS. H. LANE CROSS OF RICHLAND COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT TOGETHER.

Whereas, in a time when faithfulness to marriage vows is spurned, Hettie Wicker Cross and H. Lane Cross will joyfully celebrate the benchmark of fifty years of wedded fidelity on February 16, 2012, with a dinner with friends and family followed by a renewal of their vows; and

Whereas, Hettie, the daughter of Bonnie Bowers Wicker and Thomas Melvin Wicker, met Lane, the son of Violet Elizabeth Williams Cross and Jesse Willard Cross in junior high school, and they started dating while they were both students at Eau Claire High School; and

Whereas, fifty years ago in the sanctuary of Christ Lutheran Church, Hettie Wicker and Lane Cross were joined in holy matrimony; and

Whereas, the young couple lived in Columbia and reared two fine children, Michele Cross Knotts and Gregory Lane Cross, who have blessed them with four adoring grandchildren: Kristen, Brent, Miranda, and Malia; and

Whereas, Hettie held positions in both the federal and state government and retired from the South Carolina Budget and Control Board while Lane worked for years in auto repair and also retired from state government; and

Whereas, members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, they love to shag and to travel, especially to the balmy beaches so plentiful in South Carolina, and this June they have planned a golden wedding anniversary trip to the island of St. Lucia; and

Whereas, after a half century together, Lane is grateful to realize he had the uncommon good sense to marry his beloved Hettie, and he has learned the truthfulness of the words, “Who so findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord”; and

Whereas, no success authenticates a life as does a marriage that endures the test of time and that grows stronger with each passing year. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. H. Lane Cross of Richland County upon the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and extend best wishes for many more years of blessing and fulfillment together.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. and Mrs. H. Lane Cross.

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