



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives offer our most sincere congratulations to
4 Wayne and Mary Lou Cowlshaw on their 50th wedding anniversary;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Wayne and Mary Lou were married on July 24, 1954,
7 and their love has grown deeper and stronger with every year of
8 marriage; and

9 WHEREAS, The two first met when Wayne attended a semester
10 at the University of Illinois and their love began to blossom;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Wayne and Mary Lou have called Naperville their
13 home for more than 40 years and are the proud parents of three
14 children, Beth (husband David) McDaniel, John (wife Jane)
15 Cowlshaw, and Paula (husband Andrew) Rader; and the
16 grandparents of eight grandchildren, Jacob McDaniel, Zachery,
17 Maxwell, Alexandria, and Rachel Cowlshaw and Emily,
18 Elizabeth, and John Paul Rader; and

19 WHEREAS, Wayne holds an engineering degree from Purdue
20 University and Mary Lou is a journalism graduate of the
21 University of Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, The Honorable Mary Lou Cowlshaw served the
23 Illinois General Assembly as a State Representative for 10
24 consecutive terms, representing the Naperville area for nearly
25 20 years; and

26 WHEREAS, Mary Lou continues to share her time and
27 knowledge with students and the community as a faculty member
28 at North Central College in Naperville; and

1 WHEREAS, Wayne is the Vice President of the prestigious
2 firm of Sheaffer and Roland Inc. and continues to be invaluable
3 with his training as a civil engineer; and

4 WHEREAS, The strong bond between the Cowlishaws is evident
5 in that Mary Lou had never removed her wedding ring until
6 recently when she injured her hand and had to have it cut from
7 her finger; and

8 WHEREAS, Fifty years of marriage have not dimmed their love
9 as they remain committed to one another and their family; and

10 WHEREAS, The Cowlishaw family has shared Mary Lou's wisdom,
11 kindness, and love with the Illinois General Assembly during
12 her tenure; and

13 WHEREAS, Because of their sacrifice, Mary Lou was able to
14 become the ranking Republican member of the House Elementary
15 and Secondary Education Committee where she was a strong
16 advocate for education and championed innovative approaches to
17 increase student learning and teacher quality; and

18 WHEREAS, Mary Lou once stated that "The two wisest things I
19 have ever done in my 72 years of life are to marry Wayne and to
20 retire from the legislature before complete insanity took over
21 in Springfield"; and

22 WHEREAS, The Cowlishaws serve as an example of how together
23 two people can conquer all and have a successful marriage based
24 on truth and partnership; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
27 offer our congratulations to Wayne and Mary Lou Cowlishaw on
28 the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and we wish them
29 many 50 more years of love and happiness together; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Wayne and Mary Lou Cowlshaw and their family.