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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to celebrate the momentous occasions in the lives of the citizens of this State; and

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WHEREAS, In 2026, Don and Jennie Latham celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary, a platinum milestone that serves as a profound testament to their enduring love, faith, and devotion; and

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WHEREAS, Don and Jennie Latham's remarkable journey began in an industrial working-class neighborhood on the West Side of Chicago, where two adolescents, Jennie, the independent only child of Italian immigrants, and Don, one of many siblings in a spirited Irish family, first met at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic School; and

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WHEREAS, Don and Jennie Latham's relationship was fostered when a young parish priest started a high school social club, creating a close friend group of which they were both a part and cherished memories of sock hops, picnics, hayrides, and trips to Starved Rock that laid the foundation for a lifetime of partnership; and

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WHEREAS, Don and Jennie Latham married in 1956, made their

1 home in Mount Prospect, and eventually raised five children in
2 a household defined by faith, the adventures of their
3 children, and a fierce dedication to education that saw their
4 children become first-generation college graduates, all five
5 with advanced degrees; and

6 WHEREAS, Don and Jennie Latham have been pillars of their
7 community, with Jennie providing spiritual comfort by bringing
8 communion to nursing home residents, and Don, a talented
9 woodworker who proudly served in the Korean War, sharing his
10 craftsmanship through the creation of Uncle Sam whirligigs for
11 his neighbors; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout seven decades, Don and Jennie Latham
13 have remained steadfast through every joy and sorrow, finding
14 beauty in the simple pleasures of gardening, watching
15 squirrels, and sharing meals with their family and friends;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Don and Jennie Latham on the occasion of their
20 70th wedding anniversary and extend to them our most sincere
21 wishes for continued health, happiness, and peace; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Don and Jennie Latham as a symbol of our respect
3 and esteem.