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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois offer our sincere congratulations to Frank and Verna Clayton on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Frank and Verna were married on February 4, 1956; they are the proud parents of two children, Valerie Euneman and Barry Clayton, the grandparents of five grandchildren, Jason, Kara, and Kristi Euneman and Alexandra and Matthew Clayton, and the great-grandparents of two great-grandchildren, Julien and Deshawn; and

WHEREAS, The honorable Verna Clayton served the Illinois General Assembly as a State Representative for three consecutive terms, representing the Buffalo Grove area; prior to being elected to the General Assembly, she served as the Buffalo Grove Village Clerk from 1971 to 1979 and was elected Buffalo Grove Village President, a position she held from 1979 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, The Clayton family shared Verna's wisdom, kindness, and love with the General Assembly during her tenure; because of the family's sacrifice, Verna was able to become the Minority Spokesperson for the Elections and State Government Committee, as well as the Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Frank served in the United States Navy as a 2nd class petty officer from 1951 to 1954; he received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma University; and

WHEREAS, Frank worked for Western Electric and Honeywell before joining Torkelson Associates where he became the

1 Executive Vice President; he also donated his time and energy  
2 to the community by serving on the Illinois District 96 School  
3 Board from 1971 to 1974 and the Illinois District 125 School  
4 Board from 1974 to 1980, where he also served as President from  
5 1978-1980, and by serving as Highway Commissioner for Vernon  
6 Township from 1996 to 1998; and

7 WHEREAS, Even after retiring and moving to Savannah Lakes  
8 Village in McCormick, South Carolina, both Frank and Verna  
9 remained active in their community working with the Savannah  
10 Lakes Property Owners Association, McCormick County Children's  
11 Home for at risk children, Thurmond Lake Power Squadron, and  
12 Squadron Development; and

13 WHEREAS, The Claytons have mastered the elements that  
14 encompass a healthy relationship; fifty years of marriage have  
15 not dimmed their love as they remain committed to one another  
16 and their family; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we recognize the fifty years of love and happiness and the  
20 anniversary that commemorates the marriage of Frank and Verna  
21 and we do hereby offer our congratulations to Frank and Verna  
22 Clayton on such occasion; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
24 presented to the Claytons as an expression of our esteem.