

**No. R-282. House concurrent resolution congratulating Harold and Marion Grout of Springfield on their 70th wedding anniversary.**

(H.C.R.193)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, square dancing has long served as a cherished form of social entertainment in Vermont, and

Whereas, at a 1938 Londonderry square dance, Harold Grout spotted an attractive young lady across the room named Marion, and

Whereas, before the dance was concluded, he introduced himself, and a true bond of friendship and love evolved between them, culminating in their marriage on June 3, 1939, in a ceremony at Harold Grout's parents' Dorset home that featured a wedding processional through an arch of freshly picked wildflowers, and

Whereas, the newlyweds settled in Manchester until relocating to Springfield at the start of World War II when Harold Grout accepted employment at Fellows Gear Shaper, and he continued working at that company until 1971, and

Whereas, for over two decades, Marion Grout worked at the X-ray department of Springfield Hospital, and

Whereas, they are the parents of three daughters, Beverly, Yvonne, and Brenda, and

Whereas, despite describing themselves as total opposites, with Marion Grout being a more practical individual and Harold Grout the dreamer of the pair, they have proven to be a most compatible couple, and

Whereas, Harold Grout has stated the key to a successful marriage is to see beauty in your spouse that encourages her to feel special, and

Whereas, they both also agree that a secret to the success of their relationship is an ability to maintain the status quo over an extended period of time, and

Whereas, all of these attributes in their marriage are apparently ingredients resulting in marital harmony as Harold and Marion Grout of Springfield celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2009, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends congratulations and best wishes to Harold and Marion Grout on their 70th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Harold and Marion Grout in Springfield.