

By: Representative Stringer

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. JAMES LEROY  
2 AND MRS. BETTY SUE NIX ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING  
3 ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 9, 2004.

4 WHEREAS, it was love at first sight in May 1948, when James  
5 Leroy Nix, known to many as Jimmy, caught Betty Sue Warren's eye  
6 when he was chosen as "muscle man" for 12-year-old boys at a 4H  
7 camp held at Waukaway Springs; and

8 WHEREAS, in June 1948, Jimmy invited a group to a birthday  
9 party and played "spin the bottle," a game which resulted in Jimmy  
10 and Betty Sue's first walk together; and

11 WHEREAS, later that year, Jimmy invited a "carload of girls"  
12 that included Betty Sue, to Bay Springs to the Cool Dip Drive-In  
13 for ice cream, where Betty Sue made up her mind that Jimmy was  
14 just the guy for her; and

15 WHEREAS, soon after this trip, Jimmy and Betty Sue dated for  
16 five years before "running off" to McLain, Mississippi, on May 9,  
17 1954, to be married at the age of 17, with their parents  
18 permission, by Reverend Mack Jones; and

19 WHEREAS, to their loving union, James Keith Nix was born in  
20 1957 and Sandra Ruth Nix was born in 1960; and

21 WHEREAS, throughout 50 years of marriage, they have been  
22 involved in the community through various clubs and city  
23 government roles; and

24 WHEREAS, Jimmy's community involvement includes organizing  
25 Bay Springs' first fire department, serving as chief for more than  
26 20 years and also serving for many years as alderman and mayor pro  
27 tem, and Betty Sue has spent many hours working with Bay Springs

28 beautification projects, the Bay Springs Garden Club and Bible  
29 Study classes, but has been mainly "behind the scenes" supporting  
30 Jimmy in his community endeavors; and

31 WHEREAS, their union has been blessed through fellowship and  
32 Bible Study at Bay Springs Baptist Church, Berean Bible Church and  
33 just talking about the Lord with friends during the course of  
34 daily living in small town America; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
36 recognize and give admiration to strong families in our state:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we hereby  
39 commend and congratulate Mr. James Leroy and Mrs. Betty Sue Nix on  
40 the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
42 furnished to Mr. James (Jimmy) Leroy and Mrs. Betty Sue Nix and to  
43 members of the Capitol Press Corps.