

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1825

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mr. and Mrs. George Epps, Sr. upon their 65th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Epps met in 1938 when he was attending the former Kansas Western University in Kansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, George Allen and George Ellen Epps of Kansas City, Kansas, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on February 26, 2005. They were married on February 26, 1940, in Guthrie, Oklahoma. The Epps have lived in Kansas City since 1940. The family commemorated this event with a special dinner hosted by their children and attended by family and friends. Mrs. Epps is a Proverbs 31 homemaker while Mr. Epps retired from the Department of Agriculture after 30 years. They have both been members of Quindaro's historic Allen Chapel AME Church for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being loving God fearing parents, the Epps have been unselfish community servants. This attribute is reflected by the considerable amount of their discretionary time devoted to volunteering for various community betterment projects. Mr. and Mrs. Epps served as members of the local Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for many years, while their children were of school age. Mr. Epps even served several terms as president of the former Vernon Grade School PTA. For over 15 years Mrs. Epps served on the local voter registration and election committee. Also, she canvassed the neighborhood in connection with the American Cancer Society's fund raising efforts, until her health precluded her ability to do so; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Epps attended the former Kansas Western University where he took classes that would prepare him for a career in journalism. Although that career did not materialize, he always possessed a love and skill for reducing his thoughts to a written format. Because of that ability, he was never hesitant to address controversial issues via numerous letters to the Kansas City Star's "Letters To The Editor". Those letters were nearly always printed on the Star's editorial page; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Epps readily attribute their marriage longevity to their strong faith and belief in Jesus Christ. They are the proud parents of two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Mr. and Mrs. Epps upon their successful life together and wish them further happiness in the years ahead; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide seven enrolled copies of this resolution to Mr. and Mrs. George Epps, Sr., 2221 N. 40th Street, Kansas City, KS 66104.

Senate Resolution No. 1825 was sponsored by Senators Kay O'Connor and David Haley.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*