

**Resolution Number 121**  
**CELEBRATION OF THE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF**  
**RICHARD & ROBERTA ESKEW**

**WHEREAS**, ROBERTA MARIE LINDLEY AND RICHARD MAYFIELD ESKEW were married on September 15, 1962, at North Dupo Bible Church in North Dupo, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, their marriage was the culmination of a love affair that began when RICHARD and ROBERTA met at the Dutch Girl Firemen Dance for the Clinton County Fire Department; RICHARD ESKEW was the escort for ROBERTA LINDLEY the year she was the Firemen's Queen; and

**WHEREAS**, RICHARD and ROBERTA ESKEW were blessed with four children: Richard Mayfield Eskew Jr. (born May 12, 1963); the twins Connie Roberta Eskew and Bonnie Pauline Eskew Friedmann (born February 24, 1965); and Timothy Paul Eskew (born July 26, 1968); and

**WHEREAS**, RICHARD and ROBERTA ESKEW were further blessed by one daughter-in-law, Cheryl Ann Eskew; seven (7) grandchildren: David Anthony Eskew (born July 12, 1984); Bonnie Marie Eskew (born January 3, 1986); Sean Patrick Eskew (born June 23, 1986); Jenifer Rose Friedmann (born August 9, 1988); Julie Anne Friedmann (born May 27, 1990); Timothy Paul Eskew II (born June 1, 1990); Bradley Michael Eskew (born January 6, 1992); and by five (5) great-granddaughters: Hannah Elizabeth Eskew (born September 19, 2005); Holly Dawn Eskew (born January 22, 2008); Haila Marie Eskew (born March 22, 2008); Seryssa Ann Eskew (born April 2, 2009) and Baily Isabella Eskew (born July 5, 2011); and.

**WHEREAS**, ROBERTA and RICHARD ESKEW were boy scout troop leaders, volunteered at Meramec Elementary School (2745 Meramec) and each received the Silver Beaver Award at the same time in recognition of their leadership in Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, ROBERTA ESKEW worked for the License Collector's Office of the City of St. Louis for many years and retired a couple of years ago. RICHARD ESKEW also retired, and while away his hours doing what he greatly enjoys -- FISHING. During ROBERTA's tenure in the License Collectors Office RICHARD ESKEW accompanied her as they both diligently volunteered at election polling locations in Ward 10 (now ward 20) and they religiously attended ward meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, ROBERTA reportedly still blushes when RICHARD winks at her; and

**WHEREAS**, perhaps part of the success of their marriage can be attributed to the fact they successfully achieved common initials of RME; and

**WHEREAS**, RICHARD and ROBERTA renewed their vows for their 25th anniversary at the Chapel at the Beamount Boy Scout Camp and will renew their vows for their 50th anniversary at the St. Louis Activity Center (5602 Arsenal) on September 15, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, according to our reckoning this September 15, 2012 date is an extra special wedding anniversary celebration for RICHARD and ROBERTA ESKEW because God has blessed them with 50 years of nuptial bliss.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS** that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 50th (golden) wedding anniversary of ROBERTA & RICHARD ESKEW and to wish them a HAPPY 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! We wish them many more happy and healthy years of wedded bliss in their retirement. We further direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the Minutes of our proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of September 2012 by

**Honorable Craig N. Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward**

Adopted this the 7th day of September, 2012 as attested:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen