

***Executive Proclamation***  
***State of South Dakota***  
***Office of the Governor***

*Whereas*, Jerry and Helen Ray exchanged their wedding vows, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

*Whereas*, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

*Whereas*, Jerry and Helen are the proud parents of three daughters. Jerry has been an educator for over 40 years and Helen was a daycare provider for 20 years.

*Whereas*, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Jerry and Helen have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

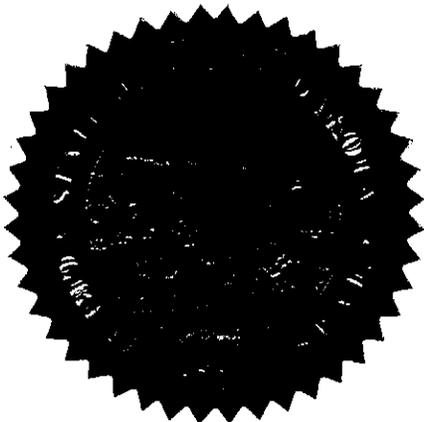
*Whereas*, Jerry and Helen will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants; and,

*Whereas*, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable occasions in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2012, as

***JERRY AND HELEN RAY DAY***

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State