

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 134

BY SENATOR ERDEY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Clyde and Geneva Cockerham upon the occasion of their 75th wedding anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Clyde and Geneva Cockerham of Walker, Louisiana, upon
3 the occasion of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 17, 2014, Clyde and Geneva Cockerham will
5 celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary, a momentous occasion shared with family and
6 friends and filled with joy and a lifetime of treasured memories; and

7 WHEREAS, Clyde Carl Cockerham first met Geneva Karma Ouber through mutual
8 friends; from that moment, he was charmed by her beautiful smile and smitten by her warm
9 disposition; it was just like a fairy tale with "love at first sight"; and

10 WHEREAS, he was from the Corbin community and she was from Livingston, and
11 after a brief courtship, they were joined in holy matrimony in 1939 and settled down to raise
12 a family and establish a Christian home; and

13 WHEREAS, not long after they were married, the turmoil of World War II brought
14 a lengthy separation when Clyde was drafted into the United States Army, served in the
15 European Theater of War, experienced combat and was wounded, recovered, and returned
16 home after an honorable discharge from military service; and

17 WHEREAS, Geneva was always a busy mother and housewife, and Clyde has retired
18 from Standard Oil's Esso Refinery in Baton Rouge, now known as Exxon-Mobil; and

1 WHEREAS, they have always felt close to their country roots and have remained
2 active by tending cattle, keeping a vast vegetable garden, and canning their bountiful
3 harvest; and

4 WHEREAS, Clyde and Geneva Cockerham take great pride in their children; two
5 sons, Clyde Carl Jr. and Raymond, and daughter, Barbara C. McMorris; six grandchildren,
6 and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, the family has traveled to Blue Grass music festivals, national parks,
8 and other scenic destinations throughout the United States; during vacations they enjoyed
9 rustic camping, fishing, and hiking all through the southern states and the Great Smoky
10 Mountains; and

11 WHEREAS, the Cockerhams are faithful members of the Plainview Baptist Church
12 and reared their children to follow Christ's teachings; and

13 WHEREAS, the Cockerham's commitment to each other is a wonderful example of
14 lifelong love and devotion that is an inspiration to their entire community; and

15 WHEREAS, the diamond anniversary of Clyde and Geneva Cockerham is a joyous
16 and memorable celebration that merits the most sincere congratulations for they are role
17 models for living long and aging well.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby commend and congratulate Clyde and Geneva Cockerham upon the occasion
20 of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary and does hereby express enduring appreciation
21 for the tremendous pride and honor they bring to their family, friends, community, and the
22 state.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
24 hereby extend to this wonderful couple its very best wishes for continued happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Clyde and Geneva Cockerham Sr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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