

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends former Senator Jackson B. Davis upon the celebration of his 70th wedding anniversary.

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate former Louisiana State Senator, Jackson Beauregard Davis, and his wife, Rosemary Slattery Davis, of Shreveport upon the happy occasion of their seventieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Davis family legacy extends throughout the state with Rosemary being from Shreveport and Jackson originally from Lecompte, and together, Jackson and Rosemary Davis have tirelessly served the community and have been honored for exemplary deeds that have made a positive impact on their city and state; and

WHEREAS, they first met while both were students attending Louisiana State University in the late 1930s; Jackson was an LSU Law Center senior and its student body president, and Rosemary was a freshman pursuing a degree in commerce; and on April 19, 1940, they went to a dance on their first date; and

WHEREAS, theirs was a lengthy courtship that stretched over great distances and survived the global turmoil of World War II; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Jackson enlisted in the United States Navy as a commissioned officer, was assigned to the U.S.S. Neosho, based at the Fourteenth Naval District Headquarters in Pearl Harbor, and specialized in encryption and communications; he was an eyewitness on December 7th, 1941, when Imperial Japan attacked United States

1 military installations in Hawaii and thrust America into a global war; and

2 WHEREAS, absence does make the heart grow fonder; Jackson thought of Rosemary
3 every day, sent her orchids on special occasions, and enlisted his father, J. O. Davis, to take
4 her to dinner and always relay his loving sentiments; and

5 WHEREAS, Rosemary pined for her sweetheart and, after a two-year separation, she
6 arrived in Hawaii as a civilian employee also attached to the Fourteenth Naval District
7 Headquarters and joined him in that beautiful island paradise; and

8 WHEREAS, Jackson and Rosemary were joined in holy matrimony on January 15,
9 1944, at St. Augustine By-the-Sea Catholic Church on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1956, a decade after his honorable discharge from military service,
11 Jackson Davis, then a successful attorney, launched his political career with election to the
12 Louisiana State Senate; a commitment to legislative public service that spanned twenty-four
13 years until 1980; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure as senator, he was a supporter of right-to-work,
15 economic development, and higher education legislation; he was a major proponent of the
16 establishment of LSU-Shreveport; and during that time, Rosemary was partnered by his side
17 to lend her counsel and advise him on thorny issues before the legislature; and

18 WHEREAS, true to her Irish heritage, Rosemary loves to wear the color green,
19 attends Mass regularly, and serves as an active member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy
20 Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Southeastern Lieutenancy of the United States and St. John
21 Berchmans Cathedral; and

22 WHEREAS, the Davis' steadfast commitment to each other is a beautiful illustration
23 of lifelong love and devotion that endures as inspiration to all; and

24 WHEREAS, none of the accolades showered upon the Davises have garnered as
25 great a sense of satisfaction as those reflecting the productive lives of their children, Jackson
26 B. Davis Jr. of Houston, Robert Slattery Davis of Virginia, Rosemary Davis Lassiter of
27 Stonewall, and Susan Davis Flanagan of Shreveport; grandchildren, Shannon Eileen Davis
28 Peairson, Shawn Matthew Davis, Mary Eileen Lassiter Grant, David Lawrence Lassiter Jr.,
29 William Patrick Flanagan, Brian Christopher Flanagan, Robert Joseph Flanagan, and
30 Matthew Taylor Flanagan; and great-grandchildren, Jaxon Yoon Seok Peairson, Jade Alicia

1 Peairson, Peyton Alexander Davis, Avryl Rose Davis, Elyse Mary Davis, Vivien Leigh
2 Grant, Davis Lassiter Grant, and Slattery Margaret Grant; and

3 WHEREAS, this celebration of the seventieth wedding anniversary of the Davises
4 is a joyous and memorable occasion that merits the most sincere congratulations for they are
5 role models for living long and aging well.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 does hereby commend and congratulate Senator and Mrs. Jackson B. Davis upon the
8 occasion of their seventieth wedding anniversary and that their expression of love and
9 devotion to each other endures and remains a source of pride and honor for their family,
10 friends, and community.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
12 hereby extend its best wishes for continued happiness to this wonderful couple for now and
13 many years in the future.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
15 Senator and Mrs. Jackson B. Davis of Shreveport.

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

DIGEST

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