

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

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

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

WHEREAS, Rosemary pined for her sweetheart and, after a two-year separation, she

arrived in Hawaii as a civilian employee also attached to the Fourteenth Naval District Headquarters and joined him in that beautiful island paradise; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, none of the accolades showered upon the Davises have garnered as great a sense of satisfaction as those reflecting the productive lives of their children, Jackson B. Davis Jr. of Houston, Robert Slattery Davis of Virginia, Rosemary Davis Lassiter of Stonewall, and Susan Davis Flanagan of Shreveport; grandchildren, Shannon Eileen Davis Pearson, Shawn Matthew Davis, Mary Eileen Lassiter Grant, David Lawrence Lassiter Jr., William Patrick Flanagan, Brian Christopher Flanagan, Robert Joseph Flanagan, and Matthew Taylor Flanagan; and great-grandchildren, Jaxon Yoon Seok Pearson, Jade Alicia Pearson, Peyton Alexander Davis, Avryl Rose Davis, Elyse Mary Davis, Vivien Leigh Grant, Davis Lassiter Grant, and Slattery Margaret Grant; and

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE