

BY REPRESENTATIVE PONTI

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gendron upon the celebration of their fiftieth wedding

3 anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, upon the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on April 4,

5 2014, it is appropriate to recognize and commend Ray and Claire Gendron; and

6 WHEREAS, Joseph Ray Gendron and Claire Ester Campbell met through mutual

7 friends and began dating in high school; and

8 WHEREAS, Ray was the starting running back for the Edgard High School football

9 team, and Claire was a majorette for St. James High School; and

10 WHEREAS, upon graduation, Ray briefly attended Southeastern University and then

11 transferred to Louisiana State University, where Claire was a student and also an LSU

12 Golden Girl from 1962-1963; and

13 WHEREAS, Ray and Claire's love for one another grew, and it became apparent that

14 they would spend the rest of their lives together; and

15 WHEREAS, Ray and Claire were joined in marriage on April 4, 1964 at St. James

16 Catholic Church; and

17 WHEREAS, Ray, then an officer in the United States Marine Corp, and Claire, the

18 former golden girl turned preschool teacher, were a perfect couple; and

19 WHEREAS, Ray's service in the United States Marine Corp took the young couple

20 to North Carolina, California, and Virginia, and Ray ultimately obtained the rank of

21 Lieutenant Colonel; and

1 WHEREAS, the Gendrons welcomed their first child, Stephen Scott, on April 10,
2 1966; their only daughter, Rae Elizabeth, on September 11, 1967; and their second son,
3 Joseph Vance, on December 5, 1976; and

4 WHEREAS, after his military service, Ray embarked on a thirty-five year career with
5 Kaiser Aluminum and related entities, serving as a plant manager, vice president, and
6 general manager in Washington state, Jamaica, and Louisiana, which provided his family
7 with enriching and wonderful experiences and memories; and

8 WHEREAS, the Gendrons' love for the culture and people of Louisiana eventually
9 led them back home where they retired and have been permanent Baton Rouge residents
10 since 2003 and now spend their time focused on family and friends; and

11 WHEREAS, their family has grown to include eight delightful grandchildren, Jane
12 Anne Gendron, Sophie Marie Gendron, Ashley Grace Gendron, Natalie Claire Gendron,
13 Justin Campbell Best, Jacob Christian Best, Macy Elizabeth Gendron, and Samuel Joseph
14 Gendron; and two wonderful daughters-in-law, Paige Hodges Gendron and Megan LaForge
15 Gendron; and

16 WHEREAS, Ray and Claire have always put family first as demonstrated by their
17 excellent attendance and support at their children's, and now grandchildren's, school
18 functions, recitals, and sporting events; and

19 WHEREAS, the Gendrons' love for one another is truly a special one which has
20 endured throughout their many years together, through both the good times and the bad; and

21 WHEREAS, the golden wedding anniversary of Ray and Claire Gendron is a joyous
22 and memorable occasion that merits sincere congratulations.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 commend and congratulate Ray and Claire Gendron upon the celebration of their fiftieth
25 wedding anniversary, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride
26 and honor they bring to their family, friends, community, and state, and does hereby extend
27 very best wishes to this wonderful couple for continued happiness and richest blessings as
28 they enjoy their future years together.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
30 to Ray and Claire Gendron.

DIGEST

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