

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mrs. Rosemary Slattery Davis, widow of former State Senator Jackson Beauregard Davis, on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday on May 21, 2022.

WHEREAS, it is a distinguished privilege for the Legislature of Louisiana to congratulate Rosemary Slattery Davis on her extraordinary life; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Slattery was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and is a St. Vincent's Academy graduate as well as a Louisiana State University graduate in the College of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, she and her future husband met as students attending LSU 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, Jackson Davis was stationed at Pearl Harbor during World War II and as absence made 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, after a two-year separation, Jackson managed to get Rosemary a civilian job attached to the Fourteenth Naval District Headquarters in Honolulu and they married on January 15, 1944, at St. Augustine By-the-Sea Catholic Church on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii; they lived in Hawaii until 1946, when they returned home to Shreveport; and

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

WHEREAS, Rosemary has contributed to and been a member of many civic organizations throughout the years, including the Junior League, the Cotillion Club, the Shreveport Symphony, and the Salvation Army, and has been a Scout leader, room mother, and every conceivable volunteer position when her four children were growing up; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary is the oldest member of the Shreveport Club; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Rosemary Slattery Davis on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, does hereby recognize her extraordinary life experiences, and wishes her a full measure of happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Rosemary Slattery Davis.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES