

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY SENATOR CROWE AND REPRESENTATIVE CROMER

COMMENDATIONS. Congratulates Willard and Inez LeBlanc Hunt on the celebration of seventy years of marriage.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To congratulate Willard and Inez LeBlanc Hunt upon the occasion of their seventieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, late in 1944, with the nation in the grip of World War II and most young men and many young women actively engaged in the effort to win the war in both Europe and the Pacific, Willard Hunt was granted leave from his service overseas; and

WHEREAS, in Port Arthur, Texas, this young airman and instrument technician walked into a birthday party and saw a classmate from high school whom he had not seen for four years; and

WHEREAS, Inez LeBlanc was attending that party and, when she and Willard saw each other that night, they began a beautiful romance that has endured for more than seventy years; and

WHEREAS, only six weeks after the birthday party, the young couple were married at their minister's home with a few guests in attendance, and Inez remembers that her mother brought the flowers for her to carry during the ceremony; and

WHEREAS, after the ceremony, the newlyweds, considering that the country was at war, decided to forego a wedding dinner or reception and, instead, they went out to a local restaurant for a hamburger; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, relieved that Willard was not being sent back
2 overseas, began their marriage adventure with a trip in their Model A Ford to Willard's new
3 air corps assignment at Muroc Air Base, now Edwards Air Force Base, in the California
4 desert; and

5 WHEREAS, the trek from Port Arthur to near Lancaster, California, took seven days
6 at the steady pace of thirty-five miles per hour and the couple stayed in motor courts along
7 the way, including the last part of their trip along the now historic Route 66; and

8 WHEREAS, once they arrived at the base, Willard reported for duty and the couple
9 moved into a small apartment above a store on Route 66 about five miles from the base; and

10 WHEREAS, the theme of a rustic life continued for the Hunts as their apartment had
11 an outdoor latrine and the hot water heater had to be lit each time someone wanted a hot
12 shower; and

13 WHEREAS, the couple managed to take the living conditions in stride and, in the
14 face of the rationing of many foodstuffs in order to support the war effort, the Hunts were
15 ingenious in solving their shortages, particularly the limited amount of meat available; and

16 WHEREAS, Willard soon learned that his lovely bride was a crack shot with a
17 twenty-two caliber rifle and the couple would drive out to the uninhabited desert areas and
18 Inez would shoot rabbits, quail, and doves for their meals; and

19 WHEREAS, the Hunts had a good laugh years later when they learned that their
20 "hunting grounds" were actually a game reserve; and

21 WHEREAS, Willard Hunt remained in the Air Force, as the Army Air Corps was
22 eventually renamed, for twenty years before retiring and Inez worked at the post office until
23 their daughters were born; and

24 WHEREAS, after retiring from the military, Mr. Hunt worked for several companies
25 involved in technology development and his work took the family throughout the United
26 States and to England; and

27 WHEREAS, the Hunts are the very proud parents of three daughters: Sherry
28 Robertson, Susan Daniel, and Kay Hunt, and enjoy the company of their seven grandchildren
29 and seven great-grandchildren; and

30 WHEREAS, the Hunts, with their pride in the scholarly achievements of their

