

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY SENATOR GATTI AND REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Lawrence and Varrie Player of Benton, Louisiana, on being the longest married couple in Louisiana for 2017.

WHEREAS, the Players are now the longest married couple in Louisiana for a third straight year, according to the Louisiana Family Forum, which honors the longest married couple in Louisiana each year; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence and Varrie Player were married in 1935, at the ages of twenty-one and fifteen, respectively, in the house where they still live today in Benton; and

WHEREAS, the couple has eight living children, thirty-five grandchildren, and twenty-one great-grandchildren, an impressive legacy for any couple; and

WHEREAS, the couple attributes the length of their marriage to treating each other well, and Varrie says, "We just got along well and stayed together", a positive message for all married couples of any age; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Player also says, "I treat her nice and she treats me nice", which the Players see as being relatively easy to accomplish, but, apparently, not so easy to do in today's society; and

WHEREAS, one of the couple's children and also their preacher for the last twenty-seven years, Oscar Player, speaks for his entire family when he says he has been immensely blessed by his parents; and

WHEREAS, Oscar is grateful and gives thanks and praise to God who he believes has brought such exceptional blessings upon his parents and the entire Player family; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Family Forum recognizes the ten longest married couples in Louisiana each year in hopes of reminding people that marriage is a covenant among three parties: the groom, the bride, and God, and marriage not only works as an institution, but it has the power to produce legacy, loyalty, and love for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence and Varrie Player have lived that message and reinforce it not only to their family, but to many well beyond their property in Benton, Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Lawrence and Varrie Player of Benton, Louisiana, on being the longest married couple in Louisiana for 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Player.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES