

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jerry and Jeri Burrell upon the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of their marriage.

WHEREAS, upon the celebration of their fortieth wedding anniversary on May 16, 1977, it is appropriate to recognize and commend Jerry Lee Burrell and Jeri La Juan Burrell; and

WHEREAS, the Burrells share a host of accomplishments, but none have produced a greater sense of pride than their three children, Nicholas, Titus, and Keyanna; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an enduring devotion to God, the Burrells are active members of Mount Olive Baptist Church of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-one years as a dedicated employee, Mr. Jerry Burrell will retire this year from International Paper; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jeri Burrell is the owner of Sweet Bunny Brown, where she provides wedding and event coordinating services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Burrell established the state record in the one hundred yard dash while a student at DeSoto High School, a record which stood for over twenty years before being broken; and

WHEREAS, the Burrells are both avid horsemen and host several trail rides throughout the year, including the Independent Riders Annual Campout; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jeri Burrell was instrumental in rallying community support of construction of a new Mansfield High School facility, which greatly aided in Mansfield High School moving from a "F" school to a "B" school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jeri Burrell was recently elected as the first African-American female police juror in DeSoto Parish, continuing her legacy of community service in northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Burrells have maintained their love and devotion for each other for forty years by the grace of God; and

WHEREAS, the Burrells' fortieth wedding anniversary is a celebration of the love, trust, partnership, tolerance, and tenacity that they have shared through their sacred bond together.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burrell upon the fortieth anniversary of their marriage, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and hope they bring to their family, friends, community, and state, and does hereby extend wishes of continued happiness to this wonderful couple as they enjoy their future years together.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burrell.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES