

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 134

BY SENATOR ERDEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Clyde and Geneva Cockerham of Walker, Louisiana, upon the occasion of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 17, 2014, Clyde and Geneva Cockerham will celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary, a momentous occasion shared with family and friends and filled with joy and a lifetime of treasured memories; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Carl Cockerham first met Geneva Karma Ouber through mutual friends; from that moment, he was charmed by her beautiful smile and smitten by her warm disposition; it was just like a fairy tale with "love at first sight"; and

WHEREAS, he was from the Corbin community and she was from Livingston, and after a brief courtship, they were joined in holy matrimony in 1939 and settled down to raise a family and establish a Christian home; and

WHEREAS, not long after they were married, the turmoil of World War II brought a lengthy separation when Clyde was drafted into the United States Army, served in the European Theater of War, experienced combat and was wounded, recovered, and returned home after an honorable discharge from military service; and

WHEREAS, Geneva was always a busy mother and housewife, and Clyde has retired from Standard Oil's Esso Refinery in Baton Rouge, now known as Exxon-Mobil; and

WHEREAS, they have always felt close to their country roots and have remained active by tending cattle, keeping a vast vegetable garden, and canning their bountiful harvest; and

WHEREAS, Clyde and Geneva Cockerham take great pride in their children; two sons, Clyde Carl Jr. and Raymond, and daughter, Barbara C. McMorris; six grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the family has traveled to Blue Grass music festivals, national parks, and other scenic destinations throughout the United States; during vacations they enjoyed rustic camping, fishing, and hiking all through the southern states and the Great Smoky Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the Cockerhams are faithful members of the Plainview Baptist Church and reared their children to follow Christ's teachings; and

WHEREAS, the Cockerham's commitment to each other is a wonderful example of lifelong love and devotion that is an inspiration to their entire community; and

WHEREAS, the diamond anniversary of Clyde and Geneva Cockerham is a joyous and memorable celebration that merits the most sincere congratulations for they are role models for living long and aging well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Clyde and Geneva Cockerham upon the occasion of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor they bring to their family, friends, community, and the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend to this wonderful couple its very best wishes for continued happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Clyde and Geneva Cockerham.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE