

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mr. and Mrs. Robert Branson upon the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, Robert Burns "Bob" Branson and Benjie Hodges Branson were united in blessed matrimony in Pensacola, Florida, on June 17, 1961; and

WHEREAS, the Bransons have lived and raised their family in the communities of New Orleans and Abita Springs since 1967; and

WHEREAS, the Bransons have raised two wonderful children, Fred Schroeder and Reed Branson, and are active in the lives of their three beloved grandchildren, Nili Schroeder and Robert and Margaret Branson; and

WHEREAS, Bob and Benjie have instilled in their children and grandchildren the solid values of respecting the importance of family, strengthening their communities, and protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Branson have also fostered in their children and grandchildren a burning passion for New Orleans Saints football; and

WHEREAS, Bob Branson has contributed to his community through his work for several decades as a geologist for Chevron and most recently as an independent geologist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Branson also has been an active community volunteer, including as a Scoutmaster for Troop 199 in Algiers and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, working to protect the lives of vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, Benjie Branson has faithfully served her community through her work as an elementary school teacher in Pensacola and as a special education teacher in the public schools of Orleans and Jefferson parishes, touching the lives of hundreds of children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Branson has enriched many communities of faith as an organist at numerous churches in Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Tammany parishes, playing for thousands of Sunday services, weddings, and funerals and enriching some of the most deeply spiritual and moving moments of her fellow citizens' lives; and

WHEREAS, both Bob and Benjie have shared with all who know them their love of the wonders of the natural world; and

WHEREAS, the couple's commitment to each other, to their family, and to their community is an inspiration to their children, grandchildren, extended family, neighbors, and lifelong friends; and

WHEREAS, the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Branson is a joyous and memorable occasion that merits a special measure of commendation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mr. and Mrs. Robert Branson upon the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor they bring to their family, friends, church, community, and state, and does hereby extend best wishes to this wonderful couple for continued happiness and richest blessings in the future.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES