

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY SENATOR SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Howard and Lillian Savoie upon the occasion of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, Howard and Lillian Savoie, lifetime residents of the fishing village of Bayou Gauche, in St. Charles Parish, will celebrate their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary on July 2, 2021, a milestone that very few couples are blessed to celebrate; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Savoie, whose maiden name is Dufrene, grew up on Black Prince Island in Bayou Gauche; she was one of eleven children; and

WHEREAS, Howard Savoie went to live with Lillian's grandparents following the death of his mother when he was about ten years old; and

WHEREAS, Howard Savoie joined the United States Army where he served in the 4th Infantry, 70th Tank Battalion, and landed on Utah Beach on D-Day as a gunner in a Sherman tank; he was honorably discharged from the Army and was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Howard, now ninety-seven years of age, said that when he returned from service, he just knew that he wanted to marry Lillian, who is now ninety-two, so upon his return, he asked her to marry him, and she said "yes"; and

WHEREAS, Howard worked at Simoneaux Ponds and the grain elevator and later was a fisherman and crabber; the Savoies made stuffed crabs to sell to individuals and to Sal's Restaurant to support their family; and

WHEREAS, the Savoies raised their family in St. Charles Parish where they knew their children were safe; they taught their children how to live off the land and to be self-sufficient; they always had a huge backyard garden and would keep what they needed, sell what they did not need, or trade for what they did not have; and

WHEREAS, Howard and Lillian Savoie have two children, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Howard and Lillian Savoie say their determination is the strength of their relationship; Howard's advice to younger couples is, "Don't give up when it gets difficult"; and

WHEREAS, despite experiencing some extremely difficult times that might break any marriage, Howard and Lillian Savoie leaned on their unwavering faith in God and each other; and

WHEREAS, Howard and Lillian Savoie are caring, loving, and giving to each other, to their family and friends, to members of the community, and even to strangers; their marriage is a model for ensuring a life long relationship and a testament to their hard work, devotion, and faith.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Howard and Lillian Savoie upon the occasion of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Howard and Lillian Savoie.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE