

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 218

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Billy and Leona Lawson of Mooresburg on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 1959, Billy Lawson and Leona Helton were joined in holy matrimony in Sneedville by Reverend Claude Snapp; and

WHEREAS, since that fateful day fifty years ago, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, before their retirement, Billy Lawson worked with acumen and alacrity for the Holston Defense Corporation, and Leona Lawson was an esteemed employee of TRW Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have been highly respected citizens of their community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced five children, Eddie Lawson, Becky Wolfe, Kay Phillips, Mike Lawson, and Rhonda Hurd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson are the proud and loving grandparents of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, the Lawsons' children will commemorate this joyous cornerstone in their parents' marriage with a reception in their honor at the Price Public Community Center in Rogersville on Sunday, March 15; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Lawsons' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Billy and Leona Lawson on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for every continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.