

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate William Lehman McKnight and Maurene Ouita Grimes McKnight on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take 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, high school sweethearts William Lehman McKnight and Maurene Ouita Grimes McKnight were joined in holy matrimony on February 27, 1951, in Flint, Michigan, and since that fateful day, 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, a veteran of the United States Navy, Mr. McKnight served as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class electronics technician from 1952 to 1956 and a sonar/radar operator in Panama during the Korean War; he spent a portion of his tenure in the Navy stationed at Millington Naval Base. He also worked for General Motors for forty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKnight worked diligently to provide a safe and cozy home life for her family; she later served as an employee at Buick; and

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

WHEREAS, a couple of devout Christian faith, Mr. and Mrs. McKnight have served in ministry at the various churches where they have held membership; Lehman McKnight served as an elder at the Swartz Creek Church of Christ in Swartz Creek, Michigan, and at the Alma School Road Church of Christ in Chandler, Arizona, and Maurene McKnight taught Bible classes for all ages and served as a part of the hospitality committee. Currently, the McKnights are active members of the Henderson Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, for seventy years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; Lehman and Maurene McKnight are the proud parents of Gary McKnight, the late Cheryl Ayers, and Tonya Maguffee and the doting grandparents and great-grandparents of seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the McKnights' 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate William Lehman McKnight and Maurene Ouita Grimes McKnight on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.