

Senate Resolution 152

By: Senator Tolleson of the 18th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Lela and Percy Smith on their sixtieth wedding anniversary;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lela Katherine Quinn and Percy Caswell Smith were married on March 3,  
4 1943; and

5 WHEREAS, she is the daughter of Ivy Mabel Hodge Quinn and Silas Quinn, and he is the  
6 son of Ruby Gulledege Johnston Smith and Preston Thaddeus Smith; and

7 WHEREAS, their mutual love and devotion have blossomed throughout their 60 years  
8 together, during the blessed days of happiness, the quiet days of routine, and the difficult  
9 days of worry and trial that make up the years of a marriage; and

10 WHEREAS, together they have raised five children, Mary, Carolyn, Jane, Percy Jr., and Joe,  
11 and have enjoyed helping to raise their grandchildren, Jessica, Jeremy, and Jennifer, and their  
12 great-grandchildren, Anderson and Noah; and

13 WHEREAS, their tenderness, respect, and joy for one another have provided invaluable  
14 inspiration to others striving for harmony in their lives and their families; and

15 WHEREAS, during his career Percy contributed over 39 years of service to his country,  
16 entering the U.S. Army Air Corps aviation cadet program in 1941 and earning his pilot's  
17 wings in May, 1942; flying transport aircraft in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands during  
18 World War II and serving as an instructor pilot; remaining active with the U.S.A.F. Reserve  
19 flying troop carriers and fighter jets while working full time as a clerk in the Greenwood,  
20 Mississippi, Post Office; returning to active duty for the Korean War and the Cuban Crisis;  
21 serving as Air Reserve Technician for the U.S.A.F. Reserve; and retiring as a Colonel from  
22 the U.S.A.F. Reserve Headquarters at Robins Air Force Base; and

1 WHEREAS, Lela's life work focused on her family, supporting her husband in his chosen  
2 career; parenting and providing consistency and calm while he was deployed defending their  
3 country; teaching her children love of learning, tolerance, kindness, and always searching for  
4 the best in everyone; finding joy and beauty in all her surroundings; and growing beautiful  
5 gardens and healthy children; and

6 WHEREAS, family and friends are celebrating Lela and Percy's sixtieth wedding  
7 anniversary with love and appreciation.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
9 commend and congratulate Lela and Percy Smith on their celebration of 60 wonderful years  
10 together and extend sincere wishes for many more happy years together.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lela and Percy Smith.