

Senate Resolution 926

By: Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Still of the 48th and Albers of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the extraordinary lives and the remarkable 81-year marriage of Gene Brinson and
2 Dovie Brinson; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Gene Brinson and Dovie Brinson were united in holy matrimony on February
4 14, 1945, in Parker, Indiana, beginning a lifelong covenant of love, faith, and devotion that
5 has now spanned more than 81 years; and

6 WHEREAS, married at just 17 years of age, they chose commitment and faith as their
7 foundation, knowing that Gene would soon be drafted to serve in World War II upon turning
8 18, and their courage and devotion to one another during that pivotal time laid the
9 groundwork for a lifetime of steadfast partnership; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout their marriage, Gene and Dovie have faithfully put God first in
11 every aspect of their lives, and at 98 years of age, they continue to study God's Word, serving
12 as a shining example of enduring faith and spiritual commitment; and

13 WHEREAS, their union has been abundantly blessed with six children—Carolyn, Ron, Don
14 (spouse Christine), John (spouse Cindy), Connie, and Rick (spouse Angela)—all of whom
15 are living and continue to carry forward the values instilled by their parents; and

16 WHEREAS, their legacy extends to 15 grandchildren—Sherry, Ralph, Michael, LeAnn,
17 Skylar, David, Dawn, Jason, Ryan, Michelle, Josh, Matt, Megan, Kori, and Kelsey—along
18 with more than 20 great-grandchildren, and they are further blessed to be great-great
19 grandparents and great-great-great grandparents to three; and

20 WHEREAS, after enjoying retirement in Silver Springs, Florida, they returned to Georgia
21 more than five years ago to be closer to family, now regularly surrounded by two of their
22 sons, four grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, their 81 years of marriage represent not only a rare and extraordinary milestone
24 but also a living testimony of steadfast love, resilience through generations of change,
25 devotion to faith, and unwavering commitment to family; and

26 WHEREAS, Gene and Dovie Brinson's lives embody the highest ideals of marriage, service,
27 faith, and family values that strengthen communities and inspire all who know their story.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 honor and commend Gene Brinson and Dovie Brinson on the celebration of their 81st
30 wedding anniversary and express profound appreciation for the example of lifelong love and
31 faithfulness they continue to demonstrate.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gene Brinson and
34 Dovie Brinson.