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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE PETE COPPOCK AND SHIRLEY PARSON COPPOCK  
9 ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SEVENTIETH WEDDING  
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21 WHEREAS, a lifetime marital commitment requires love, faith, trust in  
22 one another, and a dedication to the constant pursuit of a strong and healthy  
23 relationship; and

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25 WHEREAS, Merriett B. "Pete" Coppock and Shirley Parson Coppock made  
26 that commitment seventy (70) years ago and since that time they have led  
27 lives expressive of their desire to uphold their relationship, helping it  
28 grow and mature; and

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30 WHEREAS, Pete Coppock and Shirley Parson met in 1953 after Pete  
31 returned home from the Korean War, when Pete was chauffeuring his brother,  
32 Ruil, and Ruil's friends to a skating party, and Shirley was a part of that  
33 group of friends; and

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35 WHEREAS, Pete Coppock and Shirley Parson married a little more than one  
36 (1) year later on Sunday, June 13, 1954, at 9:00 a.m. in Shirley's parents'



1 living room by the New Friendship pastor J.W. Kestner, and thereafter  
2 honeymooned in Eureka Springs, Arkansas; and

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4 WHEREAS, Shirley Parson Coppock is the daughter of Zack Parson and Ida  
5 Greenlee Parson; and

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7 WHEREAS, Shirley Parson Coppock joined the Saline Missionary Baptist  
8 Church in 1954 and served as a teacher for Sunday School, Building Tomorrow's  
9 Church, and Vacation Bible School for many years; and

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11 WHEREAS, Shirley Parson Coppock also served as the secretary and  
12 treasurer of the Saline Missionary Baptist Church and compiled the church's  
13 history from the years 1887-1977, the update to which is a work in progress;  
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16 WHEREAS, Shirley Parson Coppock assisted Frank Jacobs with the Federal  
17 Housing Administration in getting water to the Tull and Shaw areas in Saline  
18 County, Arkansas; and

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20 WHEREAS, Shirley Parson Coppock was a charter member of the Saline  
21 County History and Heritage Society in 1986 and served in various  
22 chairmanships, the longest of which was Program Chairman; and

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24 WHEREAS, Shirley Parson Coppock has been a member of the Daughters of  
25 the American Revolution, Provincia de la Sal Chapter, since 1970, and served  
26 as the Chapter Regent and in many other offices, such as the Caddo District  
27 Director and the State Recording Secretary of the State Office; and

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29 WHEREAS, Shirley Parson Coppock is a member of the Bauxite Ladies  
30 Association and developed a scholarship fund for Bauxite High School  
31 graduates; and

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33 WHEREAS, Shirley Parson Coppock worked as a reporter for the Saline  
34 County News, Saline County Pacesetter, and Benton Courier, as well as worked  
35 as a secretary and receptionist for Dr. Carl Koen, Dr. David Evans, and  
36 attorneys Bob Hardin and Curtis Rickard; and

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WHEREAS, Pete Coppock is the son of Ernest Coppock and Mary Williams Coppock; and

WHEREAS, Pete Coppock joined the Saline Missionary Baptist Church in 1942 and was instrumental in helping to restore the church after it was severely damaged by a tornado on April 30, 1940, and he also started teaching Sunday School in 1948, as well as served as Song Director, Deacon, Treasurer, and "Mr. Fix-It"; and

WHEREAS, Pete Coppock served in the Korean War from 1951–1953 as a forward observer and survived stepping on a land mine, although his comrades did not, and he later returned to frontline duty; and

WHEREAS, Pete Coppock was employed briefly at Norton Company before joining A.P. Green Refractories Company, where he worked for thirty-two (32) years, twenty-seven (27) of which were as a plant manager; and

WHEREAS, at A.P. Green Refractories Company, Pete Coppock worked in mining and surveying, the mine ore from which was processed for fire brick and brick to line Cape Kennedy’s launch pads; and

WHEREAS, Pete Coppock and Shirley Parson Coppock have cultivated a beautiful life together which was not without struggles but, through their faith in God and their love of each other, they have conquered all,

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate takes great pride in recognizing Mr. Pete Coppock and Mrs. Shirley Parson Coppock on the occasion of their seventieth wedding anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be transmitted to Mr. Pete Coppock and Mrs. Shirley Parson Coppock by

1 the Chief Clerk of the Senate.

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