

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
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SR 37

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5 By: Senator J. Petty

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO HONOR THELL AND MARGIE ELLISON AS THE LONGEST-
9 MARRIED COUPLE IN ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO HONOR THELL AND MARGIE ELLISON AS THE
14 LONGEST-MARRIED COUPLE IN ARKANSAS.

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17 WHEREAS, Thell Ellison was born on September 14, 1917; and

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19 WHEREAS, Margie Ellison was born Margie Rose on February 12, 1925; and

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21 WHEREAS, Thell and Margie Ellison were married on June 24, 1941; and

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23 WHEREAS, Thell and Margie Ellison currently live on their own in
24 Natural Dam, Arkansas; and

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26 WHEREAS, today the family of Thell and Margie Ellison is made up of
27 over one hundred (100) family members, including Thell and Margie Ellison's:

- 28 (1) Five (5) children;
29 (2) Fifteen (15) grandchildren;
30 (3) Thirty-seven (37) great-grandchildren; and
31 (4) Thirty-one (31) great-great-grandchildren; and

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33 WHEREAS, Thell and Margie Ellison are members of Independence Free Will
34 Baptist Church in Natural Dam, Arkansas, where Brother Thell Ellison
35 continues to:

- 36 (1) Teach an adult Sunday school class that he has taught for



1 eighty-one (81) years; and

2 (2) Serve as a deacon as he has for eighty-two (82) years; and

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4 WHEREAS, Margie Ellison has served as a clerk, song leader, and
5 custodian for the Independence Free Will Baptist Church in Natural Dam,
6 Arkansas; and

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8 WHEREAS, Thell and Margie Ellison have been married for eighty-two (82)
9 years,

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11 NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
13 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 THAT the Senate honor Thell and Margie Ellison as the longest-married
16 couple in Arkansas.

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
19 provided to Thell and Margie Ellison by the Secretary of the Senate.