



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 843

By Representative Lamberth

and

Senator Haile

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Jesse and Martha Ann Porter on the celebration of their seventy-second 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, on December 26, 1949, Jesse Delton Porter and Martha Ann Pollock were joined in holy matrimony, 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, Mr. and Mrs. Porter are highly respected citizens of their community in Portland, where they moved to be near their son, Dr. Paul Porter, and his family; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a two-year degree at Freed-Hardeman College, Jesse Porter earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Northern Alabama, then named Florence State Teachers College; he never used the teaching certificate he earned, as he was dedicated to ministry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter served as a minister for sixty years, preaching and presiding over weddings and funerals; and

WHEREAS, Martha Ann Porter also attended Freed-Hardeman College; later, while her husband finished college, she worked as a legal secretary; she resigned from work after having children and stayed home with her children for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Porter obtained a realtor's license at fifty years of age and followed a career path in real estate for twenty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage produced six children, Philip, who passed away at twenty-two months of age, Paul, Lisa, Amy, Beth, and Laura; and

WHEREAS, the Porters are the proud grandparents of sixteen grandchildren and the great-grandparents of thirteen great-grandchildren, with two more on the way; and

WHEREAS, for seventy-two years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Porters' 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jesse and Martha Ann Porter on the celebration of their seventy-second wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

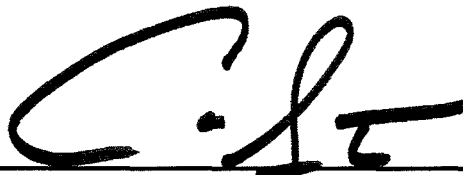
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

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the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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ADOPTED: March 3, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of March 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR