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Donaldsonville Couple's 65-Year Marriage Recognized at Parish Council Meeting

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DONALDSONVILLE – Donaldsonville residents Joseph Matassa Jr. and Bena Sotile Matassa received an Ascension Parish Proclamation proclaiming Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 as their day in Ascension Parish following the celebration of the couple's 65th wedding anniversary.

Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez presented the proclamation to the Matassas during the parish council meeting on Feb. 7 while family members looked on.

After Joseph Matassa served in the U.S. Army as a Master Sergeant during WWII in Normandy, France and the Battle of the Bulge, he returned to Donaldsonville to marry Bena Matassa on Feb. 5, 1947 at the Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church. They have five children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

According to the proclamation, the Matassas were honorary parish presidents on Feb. 7.

The Matassas also received proclamations from the office of Mayor Barney Arceneaux and the City of Gonzales, as well as from Mayor Leroy Sullivan and the City of Donaldsonville.

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Shown from left to right: Kendall Matassa, Parish President Tommy Martinez, Joseph Matassa Jr., Parish Councilman Oliver Joseph, Bena Sotile Matassa, Christen Rouques Matassa, Kenny Matassa, Anne Matassa Reeves and Donaldsonville Mayor Leroy Sullivan.

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