

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 274

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Reed Joseph Chenevert, of Marksville.

WHEREAS, in His great providence, God has called to rest one of his dear servants, Reed Joseph Chenevert; he was ninety-two; and

WHEREAS, Reed Chenevert was born May 9, 1927, to Rushing and Lillian Turner Chenevert; Reed received a degree of mortuary science in 1948 from Gupton Jones College in Nashville, Tennessee, and for more than forty-four years, he worked as manager and funeral director of Hixson Brothers Funeral Home in Marksville; he was a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the Louisiana Funeral Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, Reed answered the call of duty to his country and served in the 8204 Army Quartermaster Corps in the Korean War; for his exemplary service, Reed received the Army of Occupation Medal Japan, the Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal; his unit was presented the Presidential Unit Citation for American Grave Registration; and

WHEREAS, upon his discharge from the Army and return to the states, Reed Chenevert became a member of the Lions Club and was elected president three times and served fifty years; he also was a member of American Legion 40 & 8 and Disabled American Veterans; and

WHEREAS, with his heart for service, Reed was community-minded; he was a member of the Marksville city council, the Marksville Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Marksville housing authority board, on which he served twice as president; Reed organized the first Marksville Christmas light display, a grand and treasured tradition in the city which remains to this day; and

WHEREAS, Reed Chenevert's ultimate devotion was to his God, and he showed his devotion and love for God through service in his parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church; Reed was a head usher and a Eucharistic minister; he was a charter member of St. Joseph Cemetery #2 in Marksville, and was a board member and served as president of the St. Joseph Parish Council; he was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1217; and

WHEREAS, after more than nine decades of life on Earth, Reed is now part of that great cloud of witnesses in his eternal home and has rejoined his parents, children, and siblings who preceded him; left to cherish fond memories of Reed Chenevert are his loving wife of thirty-three years, Flita Martin Chenevert; sons, Reed "Joey", II, and his wife Cassie, and Todd, and his wife Sheila; daughters, Hope, and her husband Daryl Schooler, Dawn, and her husband Clyde Dubois, and Kecia, and her husband Stan Coburn; sixteen grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, and extended family and friends; it is with a sincere sense of sadness that the members of the House of Representatives bid farewell to one of Louisiana's finest sons, Reed Joseph Chenevert.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express deepest condolences to the family and friends of Reed Joseph Chenevert upon his passing; does hereby note the military and civic achievements made in his ninety-two years of life; and does hereby express best hopes and prayers for peace and comfort to those who mourn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Reed Chenevert.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES