

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 129

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON AND NORTON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Frank Levingston

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Frank
3 Levingston.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn
5 of the passing on May 3, 2016, of Frank Levingston, at the extraordinary age of one hundred
6 ten years; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Levingston was born in 1905 in Cotton Valley, Louisiana, to Frank
8 and Ida Levingston; he was one of seven children gifted to the Levingston household; and

9 WHEREAS, both of Frank Levingston's parents passed before he reached his teen
10 years, but along with his siblings, Frank helped to maintain some two hundred acres of land;
11 that land remains in the family to this day; and

12 WHEREAS, Frank Levingston answered the call of duty in service to his country;
13 in 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army with the rank of private and was assigned as an
14 automobile serviceman; he served during the Allied Invasion of Italy and was honorably
15 discharged, and prior to his passing, he was the oldest living World War II veteran; and

16 WHEREAS, after leaving the military, Mr. Levingston became a union worker and
17 specialized in cement finishing; and

18 WHEREAS, Frank Levingston lived through much change and growth in his one
19 hundred ten years on Earth; he suffered in the Great Depression and the Jim Crow era, yet
20 he was privileged to witness the inception of racial and gender equality in the United States;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Levingston traveled to Rome, Italy, and to Mecca; he received and
2 accepted an invitation for the trip of a lifetime to the White House in November 2015 as a
3 member of the Austin, Texas, Honor's Flight group; and

4 WHEREAS, such a long life is worthy of salutation and commendation, and although
5 the family and friends of Frank Levingston will mourn his loss, their lives were greatly
6 enriched by his passing their way; each will share fond recollections of the life and times of
7 Frank Levingston, an American patriot, a world traveler, and a proud member of the
8 exclusive Louisiana centenarian club, now gone to his eternal rest.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincerest condolences on the passing of Frank
11 Levingston and does hereby express hopes for his family and friends to find peace at his
12 departure.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
14 to the family of Frank Levingston.

DIGEST

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Jefferson

Expresses condolences upon the passing of 110-year-old Frank Levingston.