

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 193

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend posthumously the life of Lieutenant W.O. Noble, former state representative from Richland Parish.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Lieutenant W.O. Noble, former state representative from Richland Parish, be commended and honored for his extraordinary contributions to his family, his state, and his country; and

WHEREAS, W. O. Noble was born on January 6, 1917, in Richland Parish; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Mangham High School and received an undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1940, at the age of twenty-three, he became the youngest man elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, he returned to Louisiana State University to obtain his juris doctorate; after law school, he practiced in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 1942, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army; in October of 1944, he was promoted to first lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 1944, Lieutenant Noble was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge; he was the only state legislator to lose his life while defending his country in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant W. O. Noble performed his military duties in an outstanding fashion and at great personal sacrifice, exhibiting courage and gallantry in the face of utmost danger; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, a Bronze Star was awarded posthumously to him; in the House Chamber, there is a plaque dedicated to his memory on the rostrum; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant W.O. Noble, former state representative from Richland Parish, merits a sincere measure of posthumous commendation for his achievements and contributions as a member of the United States Army and an exceptional member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend posthumously Lieutenant W.O. Noble, former state representative from Richland Parish and does hereby extend sincere appreciation for the deep pride and honor that this truly remarkable gentleman brought to his family and friends, his community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Lieutenant W.O. Noble.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES