

2017 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of retired U.S. Air Force Col. Ray G. Thompson of Bossier City

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Ray G.
3 Thompson, retired U.S. Air Force colonel, of Bossier City.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn
5 of the death of former U.S. Air Force Colonel Ray G. Thompson of Bossier City, who
6 departed from this life on February 18, 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Rayville, Ray Thompson played football at Tulane
8 University; after graduation, Ray answered the call of his nation through service in the U.S.
9 Air Force; and

10 WHEREAS, Colonel Thompson's military career was full and productive: he was a
11 decorated F-100 pilot, a Vietnam veteran, and an instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy;
12 he was stationed at the Pentagon and the U.S. Department of State, and he concluded his
13 time in the military as commandant of the USAF ROTC at Louisiana State University in
14 Baton Rouge; he was a lifelong patriot; and

15 WHEREAS, Ray Thompson was as successful in civilian life as he was in the
16 military; he was an executive at Justiss Oil Company until his retirement in 1999, was an
17 active member of Cypress Baptist Church, and he became an accomplished genealogist and
18 fisherman; and

19 WHEREAS, Ray married the love of his life, Rita Doughty, and in sixty-three years
20 of marriage, he and Rita were blessed with three children, seven grandchildren, and six
21 great-grandchildren; Rita preceded him in death; and

1 WHEREAS, the life of Ray Thompson will be forever cherished by his daughter
2 Starla, and her husband Dr. Scott Lawrence, and his sons Ray G. Thompson, Jr., and his wife
3 Jenna, and Judge Jeff Thompson, and his wife Toni; his grandchildren, Alicia Finley, and
4 her husband Aaron, Heather Looney, and her husband Robert, Hannah Hofweber, and her
5 husband Jay, Madi Lawrence, R. Chase Thompson, and his wife Shannon, Lillie Thompson,
6 and Rowe Thompson; his great-grandchildren, Ben, Hazel, and Evy Finley, and Hattie,
7 Tatum, and Abigail Looney; his sisters-in-law, Mona Thompson and Lorraine Doughty; and
8 many other extended family members and friends; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout his military and civilian life, Ray Thompson inspired all
10 who knew him; he was a coach, flight instructor, professor, mentor, speaker, role model, and
11 dear friend; his passing leaves a void that cannot easily be filled, but fond memories of times
12 shared will provide comfort to those who mourn.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest sympathies to the family and friends
15 of Ray G. Thompson; does hereby express sincerest thoughts and hopes that in this difficult
16 time, the assurance of eternal life will prevail; and does hereby offer earnest prayers for
17 peace of heart and mind.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
19 to the family of Ray G. Thompson.

DIGEST

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