

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Rodolphe Fabre on his one hundredth birthday and for his military service

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Rodolphe Fabre on his one hundredth birthday and for his military service.

3 WHEREAS, attainment to the rank of centenarian is indeed rare, and on June 8,  
4 2018, Rodolphe Fabre will join this exclusive club; and

5 WHEREAS, on June 8, 1918, Adolph and Olite Fabre welcomed their first child,  
6 Rodolphe, to his hometown of Leroy, Louisiana; Rodolphe was big brother to four siblings  
7 who followed; and

8 WHEREAS, Rodolphe's budding career as a farmer was cut short in June of 1940  
9 when the cotton crop he cultivated was lost, so he elected to join the United States Army;  
10 early duty assignments included Fort Benning as the battalion commander's driver, Military  
11 Police duties at Camp Beauregard, and rifleman in a tank destroyer battalion at Fort Hood;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Rodolphe was assigned to Europe in December 1944; his ocean transit  
14 was aboard a British ship which landed in Marseilles, France, and from there he was  
15 transported to Belgium; Rodolphe Fabre was one of the many valiant infantrymen of the  
16 80th Division, 3rd Army, who fought in the Battle of the Bulge; and

17 WHEREAS, while working with his fellow soldiers to rebuild a pontoon bridge over  
18 the Sauer River on April 24, 1945, a German 88 fighter plane strafed their position and  
19 wounded Rodolphe in his ribs and legs; he was the only survivor and was evacuated to a  
20 Luxembourg hospital; and

1           WHEREAS, by June of 1945, Rodolphe Fabre was honorably discharged; for his  
2 military service, he received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Good Conduct,  
3 American Defense, American Theatre, and European Campaign medals; and

4           WHEREAS, upon his discharge, Rodolphe Fabre rejoined his wife Martha and their  
5 first two children in Texas where Rodolphe found employment with Gulf Oil; in 1966, the  
6 Fabre family moved to Maurice, Louisiana, and later to Milton, Louisiana, where Rodolphe  
7 resumed farming; he retired from farming when he was eighty-three; and

8           WHEREAS, Rodolphe and Martha were married for sixty-two years, until her death  
9 in 2004, and their marriage was blessed with five children, thirteen grandchildren, twenty-  
10 two great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; Rodolphe Fabre is a proud  
11 member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, MacKenzie Chapter No. 504, the Greatest  
12 Generation Diners Club, the Milton Civic Organization, and the St. Joseph Church ushers,  
13 and this remarkable man is pleased to join the rarified set of proud Louisiana centenarians.

14           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Rodolphe Fabre upon the  
16 happy occasion of his one hundredth birthday; does hereby recognize and herald his  
17 outstanding service to our country during his tour of duty in the United States Army; and  
18 does hereby express best thoughts and prayers for continued good health and many more  
19 birthdays to come.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
21 to Rodolphe Fabre.

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