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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 274

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Reed Joseph Chenevert

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Reed Joseph
3	Chenevert, of Marksville.
4	WHEREAS, in His great providence, God has called to rest one of his dear servants,
5	Reed Joseph Chenevert; he was ninety-two; and
6	WHEREAS, Reed Chenevert was born May 9, 1927, to Rushing and Lillian Turner
7	Chenevert; Reed received a degree of mortuary science in 1948 from Gupton Jones College
8	in Nashville, Tennessee, and for more than forty-four years, he worked as manager and
9	funeral director of Hixson Brothers Funeral Home in Marksville; he was a member of the
10	National Funeral Directors Association and the Louisiana Funeral Directors Association; and
11	WHEREAS, Reed answered the call of duty to his country and served in the 8204
12	Army Quartermaster Corps in the Korean War; for his exemplary service, Reed received the
13	Army of Occupation Medal Japan, the Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations
14	Service Medal; his unit was presented the Presidential Unit Citation for American Grave
15	Registration; and
16	WHEREAS, upon his discharge from the Army and return to the states, Reed
17	Chenevert became a member of the Lions Club and was elected president three times and
18	served fifty years; he also was a member of American Legion 40 & 8 and Disabled
19	American Veterans; and
20	WHEREAS, with his heart for service, Reed was community-minded; he was a
21	member of the Marksville city council, the Marksville Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary

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1 Club, and the Marksville housing authority board, on which he served twice as president; 2 Reed organized the first Marksville Christmas light display, a grand and treasured tradition 3 in the city which remains to this day; and

4 WHEREAS, Reed Chenevert's ultimate devotion was to his God, and he showed his 5 devotion and love for God through service in his parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church; Reed 6 was a head usher and a Eucharistic minister; he was a charter member of St. Joseph 7 Cemetery #2 in Marksville, and was a board member and served as president of the St. 8 Joseph Parish Council; he was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 9 1217; and

10 WHEREAS, after more than nine decades of life on Earth, Reed is now part of that 11 great cloud of witnesses in his eternal home and has rejoined his parents, children, and 12 siblings who preceded him; left to cherish fond memories of Reed Chenevert are his loving 13 wife of thirty-three years, Flita Martin Chenevert; sons, Reed "Joey", II, and his wife Cassie, 14 and Todd, and his wife Sheila; daughters, Hope, and her husband Daryl Schooler, Dawn, and 15 her husband Clyde Dubois, and Kecia, and her husband Stan Coburn; sixteen grandchildren, 16 twenty-three great-grandchildren, and extended family and friends; it is with a sincere sense 17 of sadness that the members of the House of Representatives bid farewell to one of 18 Louisiana's finest sons, Reed Joseph Chenevert.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express deepest condolences to the family and friends 21 of Reed Joseph Chenevert upon his passing; does hereby note the military and civic 22 achievements made in his ninety-two years of life; and does hereby express best hopes and 23 prayers for peace and comfort to those who mourn.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 25 family of Reed Chenevert.

DIGEST

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