

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Norris Joseph Broussard Sr. as he celebrates his one hundredth birthday on June 18, 2020.

WHEREAS, Norris Joseph Broussard was born to Adolph and Ozita Boyance' Broussard in Delcambre, Louisiana, on June 18, 1920, one of seven children, and he was a major support to his family as they relocated to New Iberia to establish a new homestead; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 1940, he married Rose "Amie" Mae Malveaux and of that union they had six children: Anita Jeanne retired from the city of Opelousas, Cleotha Ann (deceased) who graduated from Xavier University with a double major in French and Education, Terrel Joseph a Catholic deacon, attorney, and judge for the city of New Orleans and the United States Army, Margaret "Peggy" Joyce retired secretary from the Louisiana Senate, Norris Jr. Lafayette Fire Department and serving in the United States Navy, and Ignatius Peter (deceased) who was a computer programmer; and

WHEREAS, Norris Joseph Broussard Sr. instilled the importance of strict work ethics in his children and provided a Catholic school education for all of them; he encouraged higher education for his children, although neither he nor his wife had little more than a sixth grade education; he is the grandfather of nine, great-grandfather of fourteen, and the great-great-grandfather of four; and

WHEREAS, Norris Joseph Broussard Sr. is a resourceful and resilient man, who with his own hands, built his family home while working a full-time job as a maintenance worker at Evangeline Packing Company; and

WHEREAS, he was employed by Evangeline Packing Company, later known as L. A. Frey and Sons of Lafayette, Louisiana, for a total of forty years until he retired in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Norris Joseph Broussard Sr. is a man of faith who lives a life of dedication and service to others; prior to moving back to New Iberia, he was a dedicated parishioner of St. Paul the Apostle's Catholic Church in Lafayette, many times serving as the maintenance person for the church, the rectory, and the school; and

WHEREAS, he was a very active member with the Knights of Peter Claver in which he served as a Grand Knight, the St. Paul Council #11 for over fifty years, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the St. Paul's Federal Credit Union of which he is an original member, and as an usher; and

WHEREAS, after his wife of twenty-nine years, Rose "Amie" Malveaux, passed away in 1969, he married Shirley King and relocated to New Iberia with her and her two daughters, Mona and Sharon (deceased), and they were married for thirty years until she passed away in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Norris Joseph Broussard Sr. was an active member of St. Edward's Catholic Church while he lived in New Iberia; and

WHEREAS, he is a true citizen of Louisiana as he maintains that Delcambre, Lafayette, and New Iberia are home to him; and

WHEREAS, Norris Joseph Broussard Sr. who always enjoyed dancing, still enjoys a little Zydeco dancing, as he demonstrated his skill by dancing with granddaughter Leah at the wedding reception of his grandson Jason (Bianca) on June 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, he has been a role model to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, extended family, and community, and is treasured as the last of his generation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana commends Norris Joseph Broussard Sr. as he continues serving as a role model to his family and people of the community as a Christian man of high morals, strong character, and generosity and on the celebration of his one hundredth birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Norris Joseph Broussard Sr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE