

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends centenarian Elmo "Buddy" Sholes on his historic life and honorable service to the United States during World War II

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend centenarian Elmo "Buddy" Sholes on his historic life and honorable service
3 to the United States during World War II.

4 WHEREAS, Elmo "Buddy" Sholes was born on December 26, 1920, in Wilson,
5 Louisiana, to Iree Sholes and Fannie Caston and was the youngest of five siblings; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Sholes was called upon to serve in the United States Army in 1941
7 and was stationed in the Philippines and the Pacific Islands; he rose to the rank of corporal
8 during his tenure with the Army, and upon returning home from the Pacific Theater, he was
9 stationed at a base in New Jersey; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Sholes married his hometown sweetheart, Trogia Eunice Goins, in
11 Newark, New Jersey, in 1943, and they lived in Newark for over twenty years before
12 returning to Louisiana; the couple had no children, but they helped raise numerous nieces
13 and nephews, and they shared sixty-six years of loving marriage before Mrs. Sholes passed
14 in 2009; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Sholes has been a dedicated servant of the Church of God in Christ
16 in Morganza, Louisiana, for over sixty-five years and has held numerous titles within the
17 church, including elder, pastor, and superintendent; he currently holds the title of
18 superintendent emeritus of the Louisiana East Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Sholes was honored by Governor Jeff Landry and given the World
20 War II Coin on Monday, May 5, 2025, and he is most deserving of the highest recognition
21 for his service to the United States.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend centenarian Elmo "Buddy" Sholes on his
3 historic life and honorable service to the United States during World War II and does hereby
4 extend enduring appreciation to him for answering the call to defend against the aggression
5 of the Axis powers.

DIGEST

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