

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES