

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Judge Julian Edwin Bailes of Natchitoches.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives learned of the death of Judge Julian Edwin Bailes of Natchitoches on Monday, February 1, 2010, at the age of ninety-five; and

WHEREAS, born in Longview, Texas, Judge Bailes was a lifelong resident of Natchitoches Parish; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailes attended Natchitoches High School, the Louisiana Normal College, and the Louisiana State University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, while working his way through law school as an elevator operator at the Louisiana State Capitol, Judge Bailes was an eyewitness and the last surviving witness of the assassination of Huey P. Long; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Judge Bailes served with great pride and valor for four years in the United States Army as a first lieutenant and rifle company commander, and his service included a year of combat in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailes participated in the Battle of the Bulge in the United States Seventh Army, and he was wounded in an artillery strike and awarded two Purple Hearts; and

WHEREAS, after surgery and a brief convalescence, Judge Bailes returned to the front lines to rejoin his unit in combat, ending in Berlin as the Allied Forces secured victory in the European theater; and

WHEREAS, following World War II, Judge Bailes returned to Natchitoches, resumed his law practice, and subsequently served at all levels of the judiciary in the state

of Louisiana, including city court, district court, court of appeals, and the Louisiana Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailes was one of the longest serving judges in the state of Louisiana, serving with great distinction for forty-nine highly effective years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailes is survived by five children, Georgia Ann Bailes and her husband, Homer, Juliana Bailes Lipe and her husband, Jim, Sara Nell Bailes Williams and her husband, Joseph Payne, Dr. Julian Edwin Bailes, Jr., and his wife, Colleen, and Emily Bailes Haines and her husband, Paul; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and an array of extended family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bailes was preceded in death by his beloved wife of sixty-two years, Nell Sandefur Bailes; his parents, Larry Thaddeus Bailes and Ethel Ballard Bailes; his first wife, Georgia Butler Bailes; five brothers, Larry Thaddeus Bailes, Jr., Allison Arthur Bailes, Russell Frederick Bailes, Louis Wilburn Bailes, and Milton George Bailes; and his sister, Ruby Clarice Bailes; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Judge Julian Edwin Bailes has left a tremendous void, his legacy shall live long in the hearts and minds of the countless individuals whose lives he touched with integrity and fairness and with his exemplary service to the city of Natchitoches, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Judge Julian Edwin Bailes of Natchitoches, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to his family, friends, community, state, and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Judge Julian Edwin Bailes.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES