

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN AND SENATOR GALLOT

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the Louisiana House of Representatives upon the death of

3 Mike Reed of Ruston, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House of

5 Representatives has learned of the death of Mike Reed of Ruston, Louisiana, at the age of

6 eighty-eight on February 6, 2014; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Reed was born in Centreville, Mississippi, on June 15, 1925, and

8 was named after his father, Courtney Reed, Sr., but was known as Mike; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Reed attended public schools in Lincoln Parish and rose to the rank

10 of Eagle Scout in his Ruston troop; he was a member of the 1941 Ruston High School state

11 championship football team; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Reed first enrolled at Louisiana Tech University in 1942, but during

13 World War II he became an Army Air Corps B-25 pilot; and

14 WHEREAS, after he returned from the war, Mr. Reed was a standout football player

15 for Louisiana Tech; he was the first player in school history to be named Little All American

16 twice, in 1946 and 1947; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1947, Mr. Reed was recognized as a "Who's Who at Louisiana Tech"

18 and the friendships and close bonds made during his Louisiana Tech football career endured

19 to the present, and his group of friends became known as the National Association for the

20 Advancement of Grandstand Quarterbacks; and

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana Tech named Mr. Reed as a member of the school's Sports  
2 Hall of Fame, and more recently he was named a member of "Tech's Team of the Century";  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, upon graduating from Louisiana Tech, Mr. Reed declined the  
5 opportunity to play for the Chicago Bears and instead chose to continue working with his  
6 father in the family's sawmill business, a company started by Mike's grandfather, William  
7 Nathan Reed of Magnolia, Arkansas; and

8 WHEREAS, at the Army Air Corps pilot school in Lansing, Michigan, Mike met  
9 Suzanne Anderson at a dance for pilots given by her sorority; that dance was their first of  
10 many as they were married and remained in holy matrimony for sixty-five years; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Reed was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife,  
12 affectionately known as "Sue"; his parents, Courtney, Sr., and Christine Reed; two sisters,  
13 Martha R. Wojecki and Vicky R. Mabry; and one brother-in-law and Louisiana Tech  
14 teammate, Chester Wojecki; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Reed is survived by two sons, Courtney III, and Russell and wife  
16 JoAnn; two daughters, Jennifer Terzia and husband Buddy, and Marcia Coley and husband  
17 David; six grandchildren, Amanda R. Archuleta, Katie Reed, Greg Terzia and wife Audrey,  
18 Laura T. Bankston and husband Matt, and Zachary and Alex Corey; and eight great-  
19 grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, the death of Mike Reed has left a great void and created a genuine sense  
21 of sorrow in all who knew him, including his family, his friends, and the Louisiana Tech  
22 community, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his state and  
23 nation so well; and

24 WHEREAS, Mike Reed was a beloved member of the "Greatest Generation" who  
25 leaves behind a rich and unique legacy of hard work and dedication and is greatly missed by  
26 all whose lives he touched.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
28 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Mike Reed of Ruston; does  
29 hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable accomplishments and singular  
30 contributions; does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that he will

1 forever bring to his family and friends, the city of Ruston, the state of Louisiana, and the  
2 United States of America; and does hereby express the deep regret of the entire state upon  
3 the loss of this extraordinary gentleman.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
5 to the family of Mike Reed.

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DIGEST

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