

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN AND SENATOR GALLOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate upon the death of Mike Reed of Ruston, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate have learned of the death of Mike Reed of Ruston, Louisiana, at the age of eighty-eight on February 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mike Reed was born in Centreville, Mississippi, on June 15, 1925, and was named after his father, Courtney Reed, Sr., but was known as Mike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed attended public schools in Lincoln Parish and rose to the rank of Eagle Scout in his Ruston troop; he was a member of the 1941 Ruston High School state championship football team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed first enrolled at Louisiana Tech University in 1942, but during World War II he became an Army Air Corps B-25 pilot; and

WHEREAS, after he returned from the war, Mr. Reed was a standout football player for Louisiana Tech; he was the first player in school history to be named Little All American twice, in 1946 and 1947; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Mr. Reed was recognized as a "Who's Who at Louisiana Tech" and the friendships and close bonds made during his Louisiana Tech football career endured to the present, and his group of friends became known as the National Association for the Advancement of Grandstand Quarterbacks; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Mike Reed of Ruston; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable accomplishments and singular contributions; does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family and friends, the city of Ruston, the state of Louisiana, and the

United States of America; and does hereby express the deep regret of the entire state upon the loss of this extraordinary gentleman.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE