

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of John "Pa" Breitschopf, United States Marine Corps veteran.

WHEREAS, Mr. Breitschopf was born to John Joseph Breitschopf and Elizabeth Eula Stolle in Waelder, Texas, on March 4, 1927, and he died on April 27, 2017, at the age of ninety; and

WHEREAS, John Breitschopf and his sister, Elizabeth, were orphaned at a young age with the death of their parents in a terrible accident between their car and a train; and

WHEREAS, stepping in to raise the children were their German immigrant grandparents, who brought the children to their home in New Braunfels, Texas; and

WHEREAS, after working in a tire factory during his teens, Mr. Breitschopf joined the United States Marine Corps and became a Marine for life; and

WHEREAS, John Breitschopf served for several years aboard the U.S.S. Roosevelt, a Midway-class aircraft carrier that spent most of her active deployed career in the Mediterranean Sea as part of the United States Sixth Fleet; and

WHEREAS, while in port at the United States Naval Base at Norfolk, Virginia, Mr. Breitschopf met Maxine "Nan" Weese and after a courtship, the two were married; and

WHEREAS, when his career as a Marine ended, John Breitschopf worked in the oilfields to support Nan and his family; and

WHEREAS, as young adults, Mr. and Mrs. Breitschopf and their two children, David and Lynda, moved to Bossier City which remained their home; and

WHEREAS, the couple raised their children and, eventually, Mr. Breitschopf retired from the oil field life, opened Southern Gardens, and lived there with their children for the remainder of their lives; and

WHEREAS, John Breitschopf was a member of Barksdale United Methodist Church, enjoyed attending family events, and was an enthusiastic fan of the Louisiana State University Tigers and both the Dallas Cowboys and the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Breitschopf enjoyed his hobbies, including working in his garden, raising cattle, tinkering with tractors, and building things from lawn mowers and pipes; and

WHEREAS, John Breitschopf truly loved his time fishing, particularly at Toledo Bend and Ninock Plantation; and

WHEREAS, Nan predeceased her husband, but left to treasure their memories of their "Pa" are their two children and their spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, John "Pa" Breitschopf lived a long life filled with service to his country, a loving marriage with his wife, and he had the pleasure of treasuring his children and their families while pursuing hobbies that he enjoyed; a life well lived.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of John "Pa" Breitschopf, United States Marine Corps veteran and family man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to David Breitschopf on behalf of the entire Breitschopf family.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE