

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATORS JOHNS AND MORRISH AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAHAM,
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate W.B. Williamson American Legion Post No. 1 of Lake Charles, Louisiana, on the occasion of its one hundredth year of service to Southwest Louisiana veterans.

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1919, a group of World War I veterans met at the Lake Charles City Hall to discuss founding an organization of veterans to continue the comradeship established during the war with Lt. Col. Bret W. Eddy, newly arrived from France, as the guest speaker; and

WHEREAS, the organizational committee, which included Dr. J.G. Martin, Capt. John Martin, and David R. Rosenthal, decided to affiliate with the newly formed American Legion; and

WHEREAS, the fifteen men who applied for membership were James O. Dolby, Thomas F. Porter, Bret W. Eddy, Randall A. Gormly, Leslie E. Damon, David R. Rosenthal, Eddie King, R.K. Lake, M.J. Dugan, Gordon T. Lake, Ernest S. Clements, James L. McCabe, Elmer Perry, Remi Bordelon, and A.C. "Burt" Anderson; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion accepted the application of the group and the post was chartered as Louisiana Post No. 1, the first in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the members of Post No. 1 chose to name the post in honor of Major William Burke Williamson who was a member of the Army Judge Advocate General's Department, and who died in Tours, France, in 1919; and

WHEREAS, among the many prominent local members of the post were former Governor Sam H. Jones and Murphy Moss, who both served as state commanders of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, besides its numerous services to local veterans, Post No. 1 has been active in recognizing local outstanding students, sponsored the Boys State program in local schools, and American Legion baseball; and

WHEREAS, the post also participates in parades, memorials, dedications, and sponsors such youth groups as the United States Naval Cadets Corps, LaGrange High School NJROTC, and Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, the post home is located at 1530 9th Street in Lake Charles on property donated in 1931 by Mathilda Grey Estates for the sole purpose of use for the post.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends and congratulates American Legion Post No. 1 on the occasion of its centennial, and expresses enduring appreciation for all the services it provides for Southwest Louisiana veterans and the entire Southwest Louisiana community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to American Legion Post No. 1.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES