

1 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Spaetgens joined the Merchant Marines and later
2 worked at the Columbia Gulf Transmission Company plant between Rayne and Branch,
3 Louisiana; during the late 1980s, he served on the Acadia Parish School Board; he was also
4 a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 77 of Rayne and the VFW Post 6720 of
5 Crowley; in 2017, he was honored as Acadia Parish's oldest surviving veteran, and he was
6 presented with the Quilt of Valor, which stands for service, sacrifice, and valor in serving
7 our nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Spaetgens was also very involved in his faith community; he was
9 a member of the Holy Name Society at St. Leo IV Catholic Church in Roberts Cove,
10 Louisiana, and he served as the society's president for twelve years; he was also the VFW
11 Chaplain for the 7th District of Louisiana and said the final prayer at more than five hundred
12 military funerals; and

13 WHEREAS, Leo Spaetgens is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Ruby Faulk
14 Spaetgens; sons, Michael John Spaetgens, and his wife Charlotte, and Jackie Paul Spaetgens,
15 and his wife Renee; his sister, Anna Maria Spaetgens; twelve grandchildren; and twenty-two
16 great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, William Leo Spaetgens was a truly patriotic American and a man of
18 great faith; he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the death of William Leo
21 Spaetgens; does hereby record Mr. Spaetgens's incredible service to our country; and does
22 hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes that his family find peace and comfort during this
23 somber time.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 family of Mr. William Leo Spaetgens.

DIGEST

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