

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 376

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Charles Joseph "CJ" Christ

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Charles Joseph
3 "CJ" Christ.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on May 20, 2026,
6 of Charles Joseph "CJ" Christ; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Joseph "CJ" Christ was born in 1929 on a farm in Mowata,
8 Louisiana, and was one of seven children born to Lawrence and Ada Christ; he moved to
9 Lake Charles, Louisiana, with his family during World War II and attended McNeese State
10 University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Christ cherished his siblings, Ruth, Bobby, Francis, Geraldine,
12 Julie, and Jeanette; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Christ joined the United States Air Force in 1949 and flew twenty-
14 three combat missions in B-29 bombers over North Korea; after completing his military
15 service, he moved to Houma, Louisiana, and resided there for the remainder of his life; and

16 WHEREAS, during the mid-1950s, Mr. Christ performed impromptu air shows
17 above Houma in his P-51 Mustang fighter aircraft; he married Patricia Wurzlów in 1959 and
18 fathered three children; and

19 WHEREAS, in the 1970s, Mr. Christ operated a successful aviation business, Houma
20 Aviation, at the Houma Airport; in the 2000s, he founded the Regional Military Museum,

1 which has grown into a publicly-funded, veteran-run institution that receives overwhelming
2 support from citizens of the tri-parish area; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Christ was a well-respected author and historian who studied the
4 history of the United States Gulf during World War II; he was also an avid aviator, mariner,
5 and scuba diver; he traveled the world and touched the lives of all who met him with his
6 infectious sense of humor and passion for adventure; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Joseph "CJ" Christ is survived by his children, Cheryl (Steve),
8 Bobby (Karen), and Linda; stepson, Jack (Ida); and host of grandchildren and extended
9 family members; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his adventurous spirit and
10 passion for life shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were
11 privileged enough to have known and loved him.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Charles
14 Joseph "CJ" Christ and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family, friends, and loved
15 ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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