

2017 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVES SEABAUGH, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THOMAS, WHITE, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Ray G.

Thompson, retired U.S. Air Force colonel, of Bossier City.

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of former U.S. Air Force Colonel Ray G. Thompson of Bossier City, who departed from this life on February 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rayville, Ray Thompson played football at Tulane University; after graduation, Ray answered the call of his nation through service in the U.S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Thompson's military career was full and productive: he was a decorated F-100 pilot, a Vietnam veteran, and an instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy; he was stationed at the Pentagon and the U.S. Department of State, and he concluded his time in the military as commandant of the USAF ROTC at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; he was a lifelong patriot; and

WHEREAS, Ray Thompson was as successful in civilian life as he was in the military; he was an executive at Justiss Oil Company until his retirement in 1999, was an

active member of Cypress Baptist Church, and he became an accomplished genealogist and fisherman; and

WHEREAS, Ray married the love of his life, Rita Doughty, and in sixty-three years of marriage, he and Rita were blessed with three children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; Rita preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, the life of Ray Thompson will be forever cherished by his daughter Starla, and her husband Dr. Scott Lawrence, and his sons Ray G. Thompson, Jr., and his wife Jenna, and Judge Jeff Thompson, and his wife Toni; his grandchildren, Alicia Finley, and her husband Aaron, Heather Looney, and her husband Robert, Hannah Hofweber, and her husband Jay, Madi Lawrence, R. Chase Thompson, and his wife Shannon, Lillie Thompson, and Rowe Thompson; his great-grandchildren, Ben, Hazel, and Evy Finley, and Hattie, Tatum, and Abigail Looney; his sisters-in-law, Mona Thompson and Lorraine Doughty; and many other extended family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, throughout his military and civilian life, Ray Thompson inspired all who knew him; he was a coach, flight instructor, professor, mentor, speaker, role model, and dear friend; his passing leaves a void that cannot easily be filled, but fond memories of times shared will provide comfort to those who mourn.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ray G. Thompson; does hereby express sincerest thoughts and hopes that in this difficult time, the assurance of eternal life will prevail; and does hereby offer earnest prayers for peace of heart and mind.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Ray G. Thompson.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES