

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Lester "Rocky" Stroud of New Iberia.

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the passing on May 23, 2016, of Lester "Rocky" Stroud at the age of ninety; and

WHEREAS, Lester Stroud was born May 10, 1926, in Eustace, Texas, to Roy and Edna Stroud; most of his life was spent in Pasadena and Wildwood, Texas, and for the past six years, he resided in New Iberia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stroud enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of seventeen and proudly served his country in World War II and Korea; it was during the invasion of Inchon, Korea, on September 15, 1950, that he was hit with shrapnel; his back was broken in two places, and Lester Stroud was awarded the Purple Heart for his combat wounds; and

WHEREAS, after the Korean war, Mr. Stroud returned to the states and settled on a farm in East Texas with the love of his life, Doris; Lester was called Rocky by family and friends, Poppy by his grandchildren, and Poppy Bear by his great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, an accomplishment of which he was most proud was the redesign of Louisiana's Purple Heart license plate; Mr. Stroud worked with Representative Chris Roy to include the words "COMBAT WOUNDED" directly below an exact-size image of a Purple Heart, and the plate became available after Act No. 140 of the 2008 Regular Session was signed into law by Governor Jindal on June 12, 2008; and

WHEREAS, left behind to cherish his memory are his daughters, Yvonne LeRay and her husband, J.B., and Diane Stroud; his grandchildren, Tiffany LeRay Romero and her husband Ryan, JoB LeRay and his wife Charlotte, and Casye LeRay; his great-grandchildren Payten and Cooper Romero, and Roux LeRay; his sister Katha Black, and his sister-in-law

Ruth Stroud; and family and friends will forever cherish the memories of good times enjoyed with Lester "Rocky" Stroud.

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 Lester "Rocky" Stroud and does hereby express hopes for peace and comfort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Lester Stroud.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES