

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATORS WALSWORTH AND ADLEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Adrian DeLukie on his ninetieth birthday, for a life well lived, and for his brave and faithful service to his country, state and community.

WHEREAS, Adrian DeLukie is a native of Claiborne Parish, born on May 25, 1922; and

WHEREAS, Adrian DeLukie would begin his first job in Minden, working for the Morgan Lindsey Department Store; and

WHEREAS, while Adrian had journeyed to Minden to work, he soon would meet Edith Sue Thompson, who would change the course of his life when she accepted his proposal of marriage; and

WHEREAS, he and Edith would soon be joined by their two children, Don and Diane, and Adrian's life would be filled by the happiness of watching his children grow up in Minden; and

WHEREAS, Adrian, like many Americans, could see the storm clouds of war approaching, but he was powerless to stop them, so he enlisted in the United States Army Air Force and became a part of what would become known as World War II, fighting in the Pacific Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Adrian DeLukie would serve bravely as an instrument specialist, keeping B-24 Bombers flying in the island hopping combat missions as American Armed Forces closed in on Imperial Japan, earning the Bronze Star Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Adrian would be witness to the utter destruction of the city of Hiroshima, Japan, shortly after the first atomic bombs were dropped in August, 1945, ending the terrible war that started with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his gallant service during the war, a brick of honor rests at the military memorial by Turner Pond; and

WHEREAS, Adrian DeLukie began the post-war years as an employee for the Shell Plant; and

WHEREAS, Adrian soon went to work for the Minden branch of the United States Post Office and stayed with the agency for a career before retiring as the superintendent of mails and a postal inspector; and

WHEREAS, Adrian DeLukie has taken great joy and satisfaction in his years of service as an elder in the Minden Church of Christ and became so inspired that he began to preach in area churches every Sunday, currently preaching for the Antioch Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Adrian has developed a love for old cars, and is an active member of the Minden Car Club.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its highest commendations to Adrian DeLukie and recognizes him on reaching his ninetieth birthday and thanks him for his brave and faithful service during World War II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Adrian DeLukie, Don DeLukie and Diane Clewell.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE