

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 213

BY SENATOR SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Champagne family of St. Charles Parish as the most military family in America.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Champagne family of St. Charles Parish as the most military family in  
3 America.

4 WHEREAS, Horace Champagne married Mary Catherine Ford in St. Charles Parish  
5 in 1923; and

6 WHEREAS, between 1923 and 1949, they produced fourteen children, twelve of  
7 whom served their country as members of various branches of the United States armed  
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, son Harold J. Champagne served in the United States Navy during  
10 World War II and participated in six Allied Forces landings in the Pacific Theater under the  
11 direction of General Douglas MacArthur, and passed away in 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, daughter Pearl Champagne Lauret served in the United States Naval  
13 Reserve (Women's Reserve) better known as the WAVES during World War II, and passed  
14 away in 2018; and

15 WHEREAS, son Alvin Peter "Champ" Champagne served in the United States Army  
16 beginning in 1945 aboard an Army hospital ship, and passed away in 2015; and

17 WHEREAS, son Morris Joseph Champagne served in the United States Marine  
18 Corps with the 38th Infantry Regiment in the American Zone of Occupied Germany and in

1 Korea during the Korean Conflict where he was killed in action at the Battle of Hoengsoeng  
2 in South Korea in February of 1951; and

3 WHEREAS, son Johnny Anthony Champagne served in the United States Marine  
4 Corps during the Korean Conflict, and passed away in 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, son Jerry Charles Champagne, served in the United States Marine Corps  
6 during the Korean Conflict, was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and passed away in 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, son Horace Joseph Champagne Jr. served in the United States Marine  
8 Corps during the Korean Conflict, was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and resides in Luling,  
9 Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, son Charles James Champagne served in the United States Marine  
11 Corps from 1955 through 1957, and resides in Picayune, Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, son Ronald Joseph Champagne served in the United States Navy from  
13 1960 through 1962, and resides in Luling, Louisiana; and

14 WHEREAS, son David Joseph Champagne served in the United States Army during  
15 the Vietnam Conflict from 1962 through 1964, and resides in Luling, Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, son Anthony Raymond Champagne served in the United States Army  
17 during the Vietnam Conflict from 1963 through 1965, and resides in Bayou Gauche,  
18 Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, son Thomas Eugene Champagne served in the United States Army  
20 during the Vietnam Conflict, was stationed in Germany, and resides in Luling, Louisiana;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs researched the historic  
23 records of military families throughout the United States, and could not find another family  
24 with more siblings that served their country than the Champagnes.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of a grateful state and nation, the  
26 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Champagne family of St.  
27 Charles Parish for its patriotism and commitment to duty as the most military family in  
28 America.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to all  
30 living children of Horace and Mary Catherine Ford Champagne, and St. Charles Parish

1 Sheriff Greg Champagne, the son of Jerry Charles Champagne.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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