

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends retired Air Force Colonel Steve dePyssler on his 99th birthday.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and recognize retired Air Force Colonel Steve dePyssler on the celebration of
3 his ninety-ninth birthday.

4 WHEREAS, Colonel Steve dePyssler was born July 21, 1919, and served thirty-eight
5 years of active-duty service, earning every enlisted, warrant, and officer pay grade up to
6 colonel; and

7 WHEREAS, he is the only known American to have served in four wars, including
8 World War II, Korean, French Indochina, and Vietnam; and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel dePyssler retired from the military in 1979 but has continued
10 to serve the Ark-La-Tex area while volunteering his time at the base for thirty-three years,
11 with two dozen of those years as the director of the Retiree Office; and

12 WHEREAS, he has worked tirelessly to help countless veterans, family members,
13 and widows with numerous issues and worked with the state legislature to develop the
14 Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal and other legislation; and

15 WHEREAS, Colonel dePyssler was instrumental in the development of the
16 Northwest Louisiana War Veterans Home, the War Memorial at the Bossier City Civic
17 Center, and the Purple Heart stamp; and

18 WHEREAS, he has hosted numerous luncheons and events to honor Medal of Honor

1 recipients, prisoner of war and Purple Heart members, and veterans from all wars; and

2 WHEREAS, Colonel dePyssler is devoted to the Ark-La-Tex Military Officers
3 Association of American Chapter Scholarship Fund and is the editor of two military and
4 retiree newspapers for twenty thousand readers, and his reach into the community extends
5 even further with numerous other projects; and

6 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
7 and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon people like
8 Colonel Steve dePyssler; and

9 WHEREAS, upon the occasion of his ninety-ninth birthday and in recognition of his
10 dynamic and continuous involvement with veterans of the United States, it is fitting to
11 acknowledge the wonderfully productive life of Colonel Steve dePyssler and to wish him
12 many happy returns.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby commend and recognize Colonel Steve dePyssler upon the historic occasion of
15 his ninety-ninth birthday, record for posterity the extraordinary life he has lived since his
16 birth, express enduring gratitude for his outstanding accomplishments and the singular
17 contributions he has made to his family, friends, community, and state, and extend to him
18 every good wish for health and happiness in the years to come.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
20 Colonel Steve dePyssler.

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

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