

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY REPRESENTATIVES MOORE AND JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Willie Lattimore.

WHEREAS, those who expend their life's energies for the betterment of humanity are worthy of honor, and Brother Willie Lattimore was such an individual; and

WHEREAS, Willie Lattimore entered the world on June 20, 1923, in Dayton, Ohio, and departed for his eternal rest on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at the age of ninety-five; and

WHEREAS, he was the beloved son of James Lattimore and Susie Haley, and grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Willie was drafted into the U.S. Air Force; he toured the Philippines, New Guinea, and Australia; he was awarded a Bronze Star for his honorable service in New Guinea during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 Willie found himself in Chicago, where he met and married Joyce Richard, and to this union, three children were born; in 1992 Willie and Joyce relocated to West Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Brother Lattimore was ordained as a deacon at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church; he was faithful in his service to the deacon board and the church; Brother Lattimore worked tirelessly to facilitate the construction of the new edifice; and

WHEREAS, Willie was one of the oldest living veterans of World War II in Ouachita Parish, and in 2015, he was among an elite group of heroes aboard the Heroes Flight to Washington, D.C.; during the visit, he had the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lattimore is survived by his wife of sixty years, Joyce Lattimore; his son, Reggie, and his wife Beverly; his daughter, Diane; his step-daughter, Joycelyn Craft; his nephew, Cliff Burems, and his wife Edna; his sisters-in-law, Eddie Richard and Mary Wilson; his grandsons, Chris Craft, Meredith Lattimore, and Brandon Lattimore; his great nephews, Ted Richard, III, and his wife Andra, and Darrell Richard, and his wife Joan; and two great grandsons and three great granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, although his death has left a tremendous void in his community, Mr. Lattimore's memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the death of Willie Lattimore and does hereby extend true appreciation for his enduring legacy that will forever continue to be a source of deep pride and honor for his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES