

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

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

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

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

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

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

10 WHEREAS, son Ronald Joseph Champagne served in the United States Navy from
11 1960 through 1962, and resides in Luling, Louisiana; and

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

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

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

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

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

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to all
28 living children of Horace and Mary Catherine Ford Champagne, and St. Charles Parish
29 Sheriff Greg Champagne, the son of Jerry Charles Champagne.

DIGEST

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