

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Theodore "Ted" Alexander Castillo

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Theodore  
3 "Ted" Alexander Castillo.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of  
5 Representatives has learned of the death, on April 22, 2023, of Theodore "Ted" Alexander  
6 Castillo; and

7 WHEREAS, Ted was born on November 11, 1924, and was a native of Leesville,  
8 Louisiana; he graduated as valedictorian from Leesville High School in 1941 at the age of  
9 sixteen; he played drums for the school band, and during his senior year, he served as a class  
10 officer and sports editor of the school yearbook, the "Wampus Cat"; and

11 WHEREAS, Ted then enrolled at Louisiana State University to study journalism and  
12 joined the Sigma Chi Fraternity; in 1943, he was drafted to serve as a morse code signalman  
13 second-class in the United States Navy during World War II; during this time, he served in  
14 Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Pacific, and he received the World War II Victory  
15 Medal for his service; he was honorably discharged in March 1946; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Castillo returned to LSU to complete his education and discovered  
17 a passion for sports journalism; after graduating, he embarked on what would become a  
18 storied career in sports journalism covering high school sports for more than six decades;  
19 he worked for *The Morning Advocate* from 1948 until 1991, and he continued part-time  
20 coverage until 2002; he then took a position with the Louisiana High School Athletic  
21 Association (LHSAA) where he worked until 2012; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Castillo was an incredibly respected figure in the sports journalism  
2 field; he was a Heisman voter, a member of the LHSAA Hall of Fame, and he received a  
3 Distinguished Service Award from the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; he also received a  
4 number of other writing awards including the Louisiana Sports Writers Award for  
5 Excellence for his 1975 article about his son, David Castillo; he also covered the Dallas  
6 Cowboys' first Super Bowl appearance, the World Series, and the National Invitational  
7 Tournament during Pistol Pete's LSU career; and

8           WHEREAS, Ted was a press box regular at LSU sporting events from 1946 until  
9 2019, and he was able to witness an incredible number of legendary LSU figures' careers  
10 including Y.A. Tittle, Alvin Dark, Bob Pettit, Billy Cannon, Tommy Casanova, Shaquille  
11 O'Neal, and Joe Burrow; he continued to attend press conferences and ask witty questions  
12 well into his nineties; and

13           WHEREAS, Ted leaves to cherish his memory his wife of sixty-seven years, Marie  
14 Louise "Bunny" Castillo; his beloved daughter, Marie-Louise "M'Lou" Castillo Arcuri;  
15 granddaughters, Ali Castillo Landry and Marie-Louise Arcuri; grandsons, Grant Castillo and  
16 Andrew Arcuri; and great-granddaughters, Eloise Marie Landry, Ava Grace Landry, and  
17 Marie Louise Castillo; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his storied career in sports  
18 journalism will live on forever in Louisiana sports history.

19           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Theodore  
21 "Ted" Alexander Castillo and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends,  
22 and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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#### DIGEST

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