

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Castillo was an incredibly respected figure in the sports journalism field; he was a Heisman voter, a member of the LHSAA Hall of Fame, and he received a Distinguished Service Award from the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; he also received a

number of other writing awards including the Louisiana Sports Writers Award for Excellence for his 1975 article about his son, David Castillo; he also covered the Dallas Cowboys' first Super Bowl appearance, the World Series, and the National Invitational Tournament during Pistol Pete's LSU career; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES