

1 WHEREAS, a notable instance of his gallantry in action occurred in a two-day battle
2 in a small Belgian town held by his company; as was later reported in *The Times-Picayune*
3 and newspapers elsewhere, with German tanks advancing on the town and his company's
4 firepower insufficient to stop the tank column, then-Captain Garland called in artillery fire
5 on his own positions to impede the German forces and personally supervised combat through
6 the night and into the next day that finally repulsed the German attack; and

7 WHEREAS, among the decorations he earned from his service in World War II were
8 two Silver Star Medals, two Bronze Star Medals, the Army Commendation Medal with two
9 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and two Purple Hearts; and

10 WHEREAS, Col. Garland returned to Louisiana after the war to resume his studies
11 at LSU and earned a master's degree in history from that institution in 1947; and

12 WHEREAS, he reenlisted in the Army after earning his master's degree, rose steadily
13 through the ranks of the Infantry, and returned again to his alma mater in 1952 where he
14 would serve as an assistant professor of military science until 1955 and as the faculty advisor
15 to the LSU ROTC Pershing Rifles; and

16 WHEREAS, pursuant to the signing of the Sino-American Mutual Defense Treaty,
17 the Army needed a soldier who was both a warrior and a scholar to train the officers of the
18 Nationalist Chinese military in Taiwan and found in Bull Garland their man; and

19 WHEREAS, then-Major Garland shipped off in 1955 to Tainan, Taiwan, where he
20 would spend the better part of three years training Chiang Kai-shek's officer corps; and

21 WHEREAS, he returned to the United States in 1957, joined the Army's Office of
22 the Chief of Military History, and began a "second career" in the military as a writer and
23 historian; and

24 WHEREAS, perhaps his greatest achievement as an historian was authoring, with
25 Dr. Howard M. Smyth, the volume of the United States Army's official history of World War
26 II entitled "Sicily and the Surrender of Italy", published in 1965; and

27 WHEREAS, Col. Garland would be a military historian and journalist for the
28 remainder of a long and productive military career that, by its close, would include twenty-
29 six years as an Army Infantry Officer and twenty years of civil service with the Department
30 of Defense; and

1 WHEREAS, he held the positions of assistant editor at *Military Review*, the Army's
2 professional magazine, and editor in chief at *Infantry Magazine*, the position from which he
3 retired in 1992, marking the conclusion of his forty-six years of service to the military; and

4 WHEREAS, after retirement, Col. Garland made his home in Columbus, Georgia,
5 near Fort Benning, where he was a highly respected figure to many soldiers who attended
6 the Army Infantry School there; and

7 WHEREAS, through his later years, Col. Garland was recognized on an increasing
8 basis as a preeminent historian of the Army Infantry; and

9 WHEREAS, military and civic leaders consulted him frequently, both by researching
10 his writings and visiting with him personally, as they worked to establish the National
11 Infantry Museum, which now stands as a major institution in Columbus; and

12 WHEREAS, Col. Garland was a lifelong and active proponent of education, and was
13 a benefactor of Saint Anne-Pacelli Catholic School and the Columbus Public Library; and

14 WHEREAS, he died peacefully at his home, and was laid to rest with full military
15 honors.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Lieutenant Colonel Albert N.
18 "Bull" Garland, USA, Retired, of New Orleans; does hereby recognize his brave and faithful
19 military service; and does hereby record his singular contributions and achievements, which
20 will forever be a source of pride and honor for his family, his home state of Louisiana, and
21 his country.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
23 to the family of Col. Garland.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature upon the death of Lieutenant Colonel Albert N. "Bull" Garland (USA, Ret.), highly decorated World War II combat veteran, Army Infantry Officer, and military historian, of New Orleans.