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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVES LORUSSO, BARROW, AND SIMON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Lieutenant Colonel Albert N. "Bull" Garland (USA, Ret.) of New Orleans

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Lieutenant Colonel Albert
3	N. "Bull" Garland, USA, Retired, decorated Army Infantry Officer and military
4	historian, of New Orleans.
5	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and sorrow that the members of the Legislature
6	of Louisiana have learned of the death of Lieutenant Colonel Albert N. "Bull" Garland,
7	USA, Retired, on Monday, February 24, 2014, at the age of ninety-one; and
8	WHEREAS, Albert Nutter Garland was born in New Orleans on November 7, 1922;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, he was raised in an upper-floor home on the corner of Elysian Fields
11	Avenue and Royal Street above the Garland Wagon Company, the wagon works and
12	commercial blacksmith service that his family established in 1883; and
13	WHEREAS, after graduating ahead of schedule from Warren Easton High School,
14	Col. Garland enrolled at Louisiana State University at the age of sixteen; and
15	WHEREAS, at LSU, Col. Garland joined the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and
16	earned a bachelor of science degree in education in 1943; and
17	WHEREAS, he fought in the European Theater during World War II, serving as a
18	rifle company commander with the Army's 84th Infantry Division, taking part in extensive
19	combat including the momentous Battle of the Bulge, and earning numerous decorations for
20	valor and military skill; and

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 <i>The Times-Picayune</i>
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.