

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 216

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

VETERANS: Commends Disabled American Veterans Department of Louisiana, upon the occasion of its ninety-second annual state convention

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Disabled American Veterans Department of Louisiana, upon the occasion of
3 its ninety-second annual state convention and recognize the admirable, tireless work
4 the organization does for disabled veterans and their families throughout our state
5 and nation.

6 WHEREAS, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was founded in 1920 to fulfill our
7 country's promise to those who served; and

8 WHEREAS, Disabled American Veterans Department of Louisiana, was established
9 in Louisiana in 1922, is headquartered in Baton Rouge, and is made up of seventeen chapters
10 throughout the state; and

11 WHEREAS, DAV is a unique organization of disabled veterans helping disabled
12 veterans; and

13 WHEREAS, DAV Central Louisiana Chapter 7 was established in 1959 to serve the
14 Pineville and Alexandria areas; and

15 WHEREAS, the name of DAV Central Louisiana Chapter 7 was changed in 2007
16 to Paul P. Benoit Memorial Chapter 7, after an esteemed physician's assistant who worked
17 at the Alexandria Veterans Association Medical Center and who was the driving force
18 behind the local chapter's success over ten years; and

19 WHEREAS, currently composed of seven hundred twenty-nine members, the Paul
20 P. Benoit Memorial Chapter 7 is tirelessly involved in the community by coordinating
21 projects that make a difference in the lives of veterans such as having wheelchairs repaired,

1 by brightening Christmas for those in the hospital and veterans homes by giving each hero
2 a Christmas card with a five dollar bill inside, and by ringing the Salvation Army bell for
3 donations for those in need; and

4 WHEREAS, in addition to caring, personal outreach, DAV, Department of
5 Louisiana, helps financially support Louisiana veterans homes and donates its labor and
6 resources to provide flags and wreaths for two veterans' cemeteries, Alexandria National
7 Cemetery in Pineville and the newly opened Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in
8 Leesville; and

9 WHEREAS, composed of one million two hundred thousand members nationwide,
10 DAV empowers veterans to lead full, high-quality lives with respect and dignity by ensuring
11 that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; and

12 WHEREAS, DAV fights for the interests of our nation's injured heroes and works
13 to educate the public about the incredible sacrifices our veterans have made for the United
14 States; and

15 WHEREAS, DAV provides free, professional assistance to veterans and their
16 families in obtaining benefits earned through military service while caring for the
17 complicated needs of those American heroes who are transitioning back to civilian life; and

18 WHEREAS, DAV is politically active, representing the interests of disabled
19 veterans, their families, their widowed spouses, and their orphans; and

20 WHEREAS, DAV provides a structure through which disabled veterans can express
21 compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer and outreach programs,
22 which creates a community of belonging and comraderie through common experiences; and

23 WHEREAS, the national DAV organization, as well as the state department and local
24 chapters, are supported by membership dues, through fundraising events, and through the
25 generous support of ordinary Americans throughout the nation who recognize the
26 importance of their mission; and

27 WHEREAS, DAV is an invaluable and vital organization dedicated to aiding
28 American heroes for their noble and admirable service to the United States of America.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
30 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Disabled American Veterans, Department

1 of Louisiana, upon the occasion of its ninety-second annual state convention and does hereby
2 extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the work that it does in local communities, the
3 state of Louisiana, and throughout the United States to show respect and appreciation for
4 disabled veterans.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
6 to the Paul P. Benoit Memorial Chapter 7 of DAV Department of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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