

2016 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAD BROWN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Virgil Dennis Joffrion upon his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, on February 18, 1926, Virgil Dennis Joffrion was born in Klotzville, Louisiana, and was fortunate to survive the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventeen, Virgil volunteered to join four older brothers in service to his country in World War II, where he became a lower ball gunner on the B-17 bombers; he received an honorable discharge at war's end in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joffrion began more than a quarter century of service to the state in 1952 at the age of twenty-six; he was a Department of Revenue inspector deputy, and a chief auditor for the Alcohol Beverage Control Board; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Joffrion was appointed commissioner for the state Alcohol Beverage Control Board under Governor Edwin Edwards, and after four years at this post, Mr. Joffrion retired with twenty-six years of service; and

WHEREAS, throughout his civil service career, Mr. Joffrion was a frequent face at the Legislature of Louisiana, keeping a watchful eye on legislation that affected the operations of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board; over seventy-five years, Mr. Joffrion enjoyed a close and lasting friendship with former Representative Risley "Pappy" Triche, with whom he worked to move the state forward; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joffrion has remained an active participant in the political arena, yet takes time to enjoy his twelve children, thirty-one grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren, and his only great-great-grandchild; and it is fitting to herald Virgil Dennis Joffrion upon the happy occasion of his ninetieth birthday.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Virgil Dennis Joffrion and does hereby share in his celebration of ninety years of life; does hereby extend best wishes for a joyous day filled with goodwill and good times; and does hereby express hopes for many more years of happiness and continued health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Virgil Dennis Joffrion.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES