

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR COLOMB

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Wilfred "T-Will" Charles.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Wilfred "T-Will" Charles.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana
5 and community of Lawtell have learned of the death of Wilfred "T-Will" Charles on May
6 28, 2016, at the age of ninety-five; and

7 WHEREAS, Wilfred Charles was born to the late Ulysses and Theresa Powell
8 Charles on November 23, 1920, in Arnaudville, Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, Wilfred "T-Will" Charles as he was affectionately known to family,
10 friends and loved ones, was a lifelong resident of Lawtell, Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, Wilfred "T-Will" Charles was a World War II veteran serving as a
12 Private First Class (Pfc) in the Army Air Forces from 1942 through 1946; and

13 WHEREAS, he was honorably discharged in 1946 and decorated with the American
14 Theatre Ribbon Victory Medal, after being stationed in France and in other areas overseas;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Wilfred "T-Will" Charles was married to Irene White and to this union
17 four children, Elsie Charles, Paul Charles, Joseph Olan Charles, and Joseph Mitchell Charles
18 were born; and

1 WHEREAS, at the untimely death of his first wife, he met and married Irene
2 Simmons Comeaux and gained six more children, Alvin, Ruthie, Dorothy, Shirley, Leroy
3 and Sidney, whom he raised and loved as his own; and

4 WHEREAS, Wilfred "T-Will" Charles was an active member of Holy Family
5 Catholic Church; and

6 WHEREAS, he was well known in the Lawtell neighborhood and many adopted him
7 as their dad, grandfather, uncle, but most importantly as everyone's friend; and

8 WHEREAS, Wilfred "T-Will" Charles was a "jack of all trades" with the ability to
9 do electrical, plumbing and carpentry work and in his spare time, he loved to fish and tend
10 to his garden; and

11 WHEREAS, Wilfred "T-Will" Charles was preceded in death by his parents, two
12 loving wives, four brothers: Maurice Charles, Allen Charles, Innis Charles, and Junius
13 Charles; three sisters: Mary Henrietta Charles Fountain, Nola Mae Brooks, and Francis
14 Charles Barlow; and two daughters: Shirley Charles and Sidney Williams; and

15 WHEREAS, the death of Wilfred "T-Will" Charles has left a substantial void in the
16 Lawtell community and a sense of loss in the citizens whose lives he touched; and

17 WHEREAS, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who
18 knew and loved this extraordinary man and public servant.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Wilfred "T-Will"
21 Charles and respectfully acknowledges with gratitude his service to this country, his church,
22 and the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to the Lawtell community, the
23 state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 family of Wilfred "T-Will" Charles.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

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