

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of Edward Desselle.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 death of Edward Desselle.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the passing of Edward  
5 Desselle on February 4, 2018, at the age of ninety-three, has been learned; and

6 WHEREAS, Edward Desselle was born on July 27, 1924, in Rosa, Louisiana, the  
7 second born of Louis Cornelius Desselle and Rosina Monteilh; and

8 WHEREAS, he graduated from Immaculate Conception School in Lebeau,  
9 Louisiana, as a member of the first graduating class in May 1942; and

10 WHEREAS, his mother died when Edward was five years old, and when his father  
11 remarried, he gained a second mother - Yola; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a farmer at an early age, then began a career as a CC Camp  
13 Worker and a Higgins Shipyard employee, and, from June 10, 1942, until August 16, 1946,  
14 served his country during World War II in the United States Marine Corps; and

15 WHEREAS, Edward and the love of his life, LouWilda Auzenne, were married in  
16 1948, and to this union was born two daughters, Maxine Gradney and Francine Young; and

17 WHEREAS, Edward Desselle was a carpenter, a successful farmer, a night club  
18 owner, a rancher, and a store proprietor, and he and his wife participated in these projects

1 as partners until both retired; and

2 WHEREAS, his most important contribution was that of caregiver to his siblings and  
3 stepmother after the death of his father in 1953; and

4 WHEREAS, Edward Desselle received a Congressional Gold Medal for service as  
5 a Montford Point Marine, which was originally presented by President Barak Obama on  
6 June 27, 2012, and formally presented on September 23, 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, an admirable uncle,  
8 and a true friend; he was kind, generous, youthful, helpful, and dependable; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and the Knights of Peter  
10 Claver; and

11 WHEREAS, Edward Desselle was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; three  
12 brothers, Cornelius Desselle, Francis Desselle, and Alexander Desselle; and one sister,  
13 Elizabeth Desselle; and

14 WHEREAS, cherishing his memories are two daughters, Maxine Desselle Gradney  
15 (Azenor L.) and Francine Desselle Young; two sisters, Barbara Broussard and Juanita  
16 Auzenne; two grandsons, Major Ricardo Young (Michelle) and Edward Felix Young (Ping);  
17 and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and

18 WHEREAS, upon Edward Desselle's death, the world lost a unique and generous  
19 individual who left an indelible mark upon the lives of all those who knew him; and

20 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities  
21 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon people like  
22 Edward Desselle.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
24 does hereby extend sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Edward Desselle and  
25 hereby express honor and tribute to his remarkable legacy which will always be remembered  
26 and live long in the hearts of the many people whose lives he touched.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
28 Major Ricardo Young.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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