

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

COMMENDATIONS: Commends General Troy H. Middleton posthumously for his contributions to his state and nation

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend General Troy H. Middleton posthumously for his contributions to his state and  
3 nation.

4 WHEREAS, the late General Troy H. Middleton, who served in the United States  
5 Army during both World War I and World War II and as president of Louisiana State  
6 University, played a vital role in preserving democracy and freedom and was an exemplar  
7 of service whose memory continues to inspire those who have come after him; and

8 WHEREAS, General Middleton's service at Louisiana State University spanned the  
9 greater part of the twentieth century; upon arriving at LSU in 1930, he was responsible for  
10 training cadets in the ROTC program; prior to World War II, he served as dean of men,  
11 administrative dean, vice president, and comptroller, helping to lead LSU through many  
12 challenging times in its history; and

13 WHEREAS, General Middleton returned to active duty early in World War II and  
14 made extraordinary contributions as a commander, serving his country with great valor and  
15 earning the undying respect and appreciation of his fellow soldiers and Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, General Middleton was a hero of the Second Battle of the Marne in  
17 World War I and in World War II the invasion of Sicily, the invasion of Italy, Normandy,  
18 Brest, and Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge; he also discovered the first Nazi  
19 concentration camp and exposed it to the world; and

20 WHEREAS, after World War II, General Middleton returned to his role as  
21 comptroller at LSU, and in 1951, he accepted the position of president of LSU; his tenure

1 as president was marked by tremendous growth, including the building of a new library; in  
2 1962, General Middleton retired from LSU as president emeritus; and

3 WHEREAS, after his retirement, in 1965, Governor McKeithen selected General  
4 Middleton to chair the Commission on Human Relations, Rights, and Responsibilities, a  
5 commission designed to address race relations in Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1973, the Middleton Collection of Memorabilia was dedicated at  
7 LSU; housed in the university's library, the collection included pictures, letters, citations,  
8 awards, plaques, a uniform, riding boots, a saber, and other artifacts and documents; these  
9 items were later moved to the university archives in the old Hill Memorial Library on  
10 campus; General Middleton was very proud of his part in helping the long-needed new  
11 library to be built during his presidency, and in 1978, two decades after its formal dedication  
12 ceremony, the LSU Board of Supervisors officially named the LSU library the "Troy H.  
13 Middleton Library"; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to his numerous military medals, including the Victory  
15 Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Honor, American Theater Medal, and  
16 World War II Medal, General Middleton was the deserving recipient of many honors and  
17 awards, including the honorary degree of doctor of laws from LSU, the Annual Brotherhood  
18 Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and being named by the  
19 Louisiana Association of Broadcasters as Louisianian of the Year, to name just a few; and

20 WHEREAS, Louisiana owes a profound debt of gratitude to General Middleton, a  
21 deeply admired member of the Greatest Generation; and

22 WHEREAS, General Troy H. Middleton merits a special measure of posthumous  
23 commendation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family, Louisiana  
24 State University, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend General Troy H. Middleton posthumously  
27 for his contributions to his state and nation and does hereby express heartfelt appreciation  
28 for his enduring legacy of patriotism and service.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
30 family of General Troy H. Middleton.

DIGEST

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