

1 WHEREAS, bombs from the Japanese fighter planes strafed the quarters where
2 Lydia and her family lived as well as the road in front of their quarters that was being used
3 by sailors attempting to get back to their ships; and

4 WHEREAS, following the attack, Lydia was evacuated to the United States where
5 she endured rationing and other restrictions, and for Lydia and her family, it was especially
6 difficult to witness the stateside populace not nearly as deeply moved by the attack on Pearl
7 Harbor as the survivors; and

8 WHEREAS, in the weeks and months following the attack, there were many charity
9 events held to help recovery efforts and Lydia distinctly recalls the emotional flashback she
10 felt when a false alarm of a subsequent Japanese attack occurred during her attendance at
11 one of the events; and

12 WHEREAS, when World War II ended, at a celebration taking place in Washington,
13 D.C., Lydia had the opportunity to meet the great American army general and Nobel Peace
14 Prize recipient, General George C. Marshall; and

15 WHEREAS, at a ceremony in July 2016, to commemorate the 73rd anniversary of
16 the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mrs. Grant recounted to dozens of residents and veterans who
17 gathered aboard the USS Kidd in Baton Rouge, her harrowing story of Japanese fighter
18 planes swooping overhead and her family's efforts to survive the multitude of bomb strikes;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Grant is part of the original group that started the Salvation Army
21 Women's Auxiliary, and she is one of the original thirteen founding members of Trinity
22 Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lydia Smith Grant merits a special measure of recognition for the
24 astounding pride and purpose she brings to her community, family, friends, and state.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
26 commend and congratulate Lydia Smith Grant on the occasion of her 95th birthday, does
27 hereby recognize her extraordinary life experiences, and wishes her a full measure of
28 happiness for years to come.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30 Mrs. Lydia Smith Grant.

