

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

A RESOLUTION

To commend John Wilbert, Jr. of Plaquemine for his service in World War II and his continued patriotism.

WHEREAS, John Wilbert, Jr. is a United States Navy World War II veteran and a gifted bugle player who uses his musical talents to pay tribute to his country and to his fellow veterans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbert has participated in nearly every ceremony at the U.S.S. Kidd in recognition of Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, among others, and he has passed on his knowledge to younger buglers who are keeping this special tradition alive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbert has also played taps at military funerals for many years, using the same bugle on which he learned to play when he was a twelve-year-old Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbert stands proudly among the men and women who, as Tom Brokaw wrote in his book, *The Greatest Generation*, make up "a generation that, by and large, made no demands of homage from those who followed ... It is a generation of towering achievement and modest demeanor ... they were participants in and witness to sacrifices of the highest order ... in the ravages of the greatest war the world has seen"; it is, quite simply, "the greatest generation any society has ever produced"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that John Wilbert, Jr. be acknowledged and lauded for his unwavering commitment to his country and for his singular contributions toward memorializing the sacrifices his fellow veterans have made in the name of freedom.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John Wilbert, Jr. of Plaquemine for his service in World War II and his continuing patriotism, does hereby record for posterity the

achievements and generosity of this wonderful gentleman, does hereby extend heartfelt and enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor that he brings to his state and nation, and does hereby recognize that the experiences and accomplishments of this extraordinary individual will never be forgotten and will forever remain a source of great inspiration and pride in the minds and hearts of all who know, admire, and love him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John Wilbert, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES