

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATORS JOHNS, MORRISH AND JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jackson William "J.W." Stine on the historic and memorable occasion of his one hundredth birthday.

WHEREAS, Jackson William "J.W." Stine was born to Sulphur residents Andrew Stine and Elma Landry Stine on July 22, 1918, and attended Sulphur High School where he played quarterback for four years; and

WHEREAS, he attended Normal College (today Northwestern State University) on a football scholarship and also loved the sport of boxing and being a Golden Gloves boxer; and

WHEREAS, J.W. married his high school sweetheart, Doris (Dee Dee) Drost on January 14, 1944, just before he was sent overseas to fight for his country in World War II; and

WHEREAS, they remained married for sixty-seven happy years until his wife's passing in 2011; together they raised seven children; six sons and one daughter; Richard, Gary, Janie, Jay, Dennis, David, and Tim, and J.W. also has thirty-one grandchildren and seventy-one great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, J.W. instilled the core values of faith, family, and community in his seven children and he is the proud father of an accomplished and nationally known artist, a colonel in the Air Force, a captain in the National Guard, two former state legislators, a former commissioner of administration, past president of Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce, past McNeese State University Foundation president, past chairman of the Boy Scouts of America Calcasieu Area Council, past chairman of the Council for a Better Louisiana, a current member of the Christus Health System Board, and current chairman of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; and

WHEREAS, J.W. joined the United States Army Air Corps (the predecessor to today's United States Air Force) in 1944, achieved the rank of captain, and flew over fifty combat missions as a pilot of a B-26 aircraft over Germany, Italy, and France; and

WHEREAS, J.W. and his best friend J.C. Carlin opened a construction company in Sulphur after World War II and then a lumber company to supply the construction company which was called Starlin Lumber; J.W. eventually bought out J.C.'s share and changed the name in 1973 to Stine Lumber and all of J.W.'s six sons joined the company; and

WHEREAS, Stine Lumber Company has been headquartered in Sulphur for seventy-two years and now employs over eight hundred associates and has ten locations in Louisiana and one in Natchez, Mississippi, with annual sales of over two hundred million dollars; and

WHEREAS, J.W. has been a member of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion for many years, and in 1989, he was awarded Citizen of the Year in the Diocese of Lake Charles; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Stine will celebrate his one hundredth birthday with family and friends on Sunday, July 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, for one hundred years, J.W. Stine has distinguished himself as an exemplary and highly admired citizen of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like J.W. Stine, an exceptional man and an inspiration to all; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Stine merits a special measure of commendation for the tremendous honor that he brings to his family, friends, community, the state of Louisiana, and all who know and love him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jackson William "J.W." Stine on the historic and memorable occasion of his one hundredth birthday celebration, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the extraordinary life he has lived in the century since his birth, and does hereby extend to him every good wish for health and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to J.W. Stine.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE