

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

VETERANS: Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to distribute medals to recipients in the manner requested by the recipient

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To direct the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs to distribute Veterans' Honor
3 Medals to recipients in the manner requested by the recipient.

4 WHEREAS, Act No. 695 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
5 established the Louisiana Veterans' Honor Medal Program to recognize and honor all
6 Louisiana veterans for their service to our country; and

7 WHEREAS, more than eight thousand Louisiana veterans have received the honor
8 medal since the program was created; and

9 WHEREAS, since the inception of the program, honor medals have been presented
10 by Governor Bobby Jindal during ceremonies held across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, although it is an enormous honor to receive the honor medal from the
12 governor personally, many veterans who are entitled to and have applied for an honor medal
13 do not wish to wait for such a ceremony and would prefer instead to receive the medals as
14 soon as possible; and

15 WHEREAS, many of Louisiana's heroic veterans of World War II are passing away
16 every day, and those remaining deserve to receive the honor medal to which they are entitled
17 as soon as possible and without delay; and

18 WHEREAS, many Louisiana veterans are not able or do not wish to travel the
19 distances required to attend honor medal ceremonies with the governor.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 direct the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs to provide an option on all applications

1 for the Veterans' Honor Medal for the veteran to indicate his preference to receive the honor
2 medal either in a ceremony with the governor or to receive the medal in the mail
3 expeditiously with the option to participate in a ceremony with or without the governor at
4 a later date.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs
6 shall honor the preferences made by veterans concerning the manner and time frame in
7 which the Veterans' Honor Medal is presented to him.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any veteran who is currently waiting to receive
9 a honor medal may contact the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs to request that the
10 medal be mailed to his mailing address, and that the Louisiana Department of Veterans
11 Affairs shall honor these requests as soon as possible.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
13 to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

DIGEST

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