

# State of Louisiana

## Parish of Grant In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. and carried to adopt the following Resolution:

### RESOLUTION 29-2023

#### In Honor of Mr. Reed Perilloux's Civic and Social Service in Grant Parish

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to commend Mr. Reed Perilloux on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday and to recognize November 3-10, 2023 as "Reed Perilloux Week"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed Perilloux was born 1923 and grew up in Montz, Louisiana, a town just north of New Orleans; he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor and served under "Chesty" Puller, a decorated Marine and eventual three-star general; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perilloux is also highly decorated veteran with numerous honors to his credit; he earned his first Purple Heart after being stabbed by a bayonet during a surprise attack by Japanese soldiers on his marine camp; he earned his second Purple Heart during the Battle of Peleliu, when his squad was struck by a mortar round; he also contracted malaria on countless occasions during his time serving in the Pacific Theater; and

WHEREAS, ten days after returning from war, Mr. Perilloux married Madeline Petrolia, with whom he went on to have three children, Madeline, Eileen, and Chip; he also took advantage of the G.I. Bill and earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from the formerly-named Southwestern Louisiana Institute of Liberal and Technical Learning; he went on to earn a master's degree from Northwestern State University, and later took doctoral-level course at Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perilloux accepted a teaching position at Colfax High School in 1951; in addition to his teaching role, he also served as the head coach of the school's basketball and baseball teams; despite having never played basketball, he taught himself the game using a book written by the legendary Coach Adolph Rupp and eventually lead Colfax to state championship in 1962 and 1963; during his twenty-year coaching tenure, the basketball team amassed over seven hundred wins; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work as an educator and coach, Mr. Perilloux served as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 168 in Colfax; he had the privilege of pinning twenty-six Eagle Scouts during his time serving Troop 168; and


WHEREAS, Mr. Perilloux was eventually promoted to administrative roles as his career as an educator progressed; he was first named principal of Dry Prong High School, and he was later appointed as the inaugural principal of the newly constructed Grant High School; he accepted this prestigious assignment of leading Grant Parish's flagship high school with poise fit for a man of his quality and served with honor from 1979 until 1983; he then returned to Colfax to work for the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, where he served fifteen years and organized vital programs including the D.A.R.E Program for our youth, Triad for our senior citizens, and helped establish what is now the Louisiana Pecan Festival; and

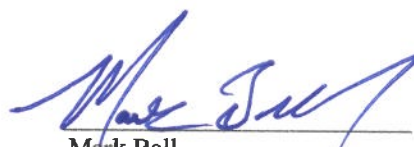
WHEREAS, Mr. Perilloux is among the last surviving World War II veterans in Grant Parish; he is a pillar of Grant Parish whose lifetime of service to his country, state, and community warrants the highest degree of recognition.

**THEREFORE;** the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby commend Reed Perilloux on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday and recognize November 3-10, 2023 as “Reed Perilloux Week” in Grant Parish, and do hereby extend sincerest wishes that Mr. Perilloux continue to prosper and enjoy good health for many years to come

**CERTIFICATION**

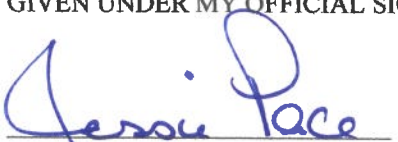
I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a RESOLUTION adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, in special session convened on October 12, 2023 at which a quorum was present.

  
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Jessie Pace  
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

  
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Mark Ball  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF GRANT

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

  
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Jessie Pace  
Grant Parish Police Jury