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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Homer Hogues, who died June 27, 2023, at the age of 96; and

WHEREAS, Homer Hogues was born on April 19, 1927, in Navasota to Leroy and Lucinda Hogues; an exemplary serviceman with the Tuskegee Airmen, he devoted his life to honoring his country and his family and serving his fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, After brief stints at Fort Sam Houston and Shepherd Air Force Base, Homer arranged to be transferred to the Tuskegee Airmen as part of the 99th Fighter Squadron in the 332nd Fighter Group of the United States Army Air Forces; with his fellow Airmen, Staff Sergeant Hogues broke through racial barriers in the United States Army Air Forces through his distinguished service and support of the first African American military pilots; and

WHEREAS, During his years of active service, Staff Sergeant Hogues received specialized training on the P-47 Thunderbolt aircraft and helped prepare airplanes for the first Air Force gunnery competition in 1949, which resulted in a victory for the Tuskegee Airmen; he was noted for his exceptional skill as mechanic and for his steadfast commitment to his fellow servicemen; he was selected to participate in the second term inaugural parade of President Harry S. Truman, and he attended

the 2012 inaugural parade of President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, Homer returned to Texas after his military service and worked as a hard-chrome plater at Lane Plating Works for almost four decades; he remained an active member of his community and a proud representative of the Tuskegee Airmen, and he often spoke at schools, churches, and businesses about the Airmen and his trailblazing military career; and

WHEREAS, Homer was married to the love of his life, Mattie Hogues, for 76 years; through all his endeavors, Homer enjoyed the love and care of his beloved Mattie until her passing on June 25, 2023, two days before Homer's death; and

WHEREAS, Homer Hogues inspired all who knew him through his bravery, his love of family, and his lifelong patriotism; he leaves behind a legacy of service and memories that will long be cherished by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Homer Hogues; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Homer Hogues.