

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize John B. Galvan as Houston's oldest living member of the Buffalo Soldiers; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Pastor W. E. Lockett, is honoring Mr. Galvan on July 20, 2003, during the 10:45 a.m. worship service; and

WHEREAS, John Galvan is a patriotic American who served his country honorably as a member of the Buffalo Soldiers; he was born December 5, 1910; he enjoyed a happy marriage to Beatrice Galvan, and the couple was blessed with a family of four children; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress established the Buffalo Soldiers after the Civil War to recognize the military merits of African American soldiers; the men were sent to defend the Western frontier, where they served with great distinction; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Soldiers were given their name by the Plains Indians, who admired them for the courage and strength they displayed during battle; many of the soldiers earned the Medal of Honor during the Indian wars and the Spanish-American War; during World War II, members of the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments fought in the Pacific Theater and former members of the disbanded 9th and 10th Cavalries served their nation in other military assignments; and

WHEREAS, During the 1960s popular interest in the Buffalo Soldiers grew, and since the 1990s, the Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department has offered educational programs and sponsored a reenactment group on the soldiers; and

WHEREAS, As Houston's oldest living member of the renowned Buffalo Soldiers, John Galvan is truly worthy of legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend John B. Galvan for his outstanding military service with the Buffalo Soldiers and join the citizens of Houston and the members of the Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in paying tribute to him; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 15, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate