

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

WHEREAS, United States military veteran Broughton Lynn Hand of Anahuac has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens through his distinguished military service and his dedication as a civic leader; and

WHEREAS, Born in Trinity on April 8, 1920, Mr. Hand graduated from Anahuac High School in 1939 and attended Marshall College before joining the army in 1942; he served as a demolition expert with the 504th regiment of the 82nd Airborne paratroop division and parachuted into Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Captured by German forces five days after the Allied assault, Mr. Hand spent the remainder of the war in prisoner-of-war camps in Germany and Czechoslovakia; he was injured in a mining accident during his incarceration and was in a Nuremberg hospital when his camp was liberated in May of 1945; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to Anahuac, Mr. Hand began a courtship with a young war widow, Mary Lillian Ledet Syer, who became his wife on October 22, 1948; together they raised her daughter, Mary Phoebe, and two more children, Myra Louise and Lynn Davis, and they have since been blessed with seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hand's professional career included work in sales with Macobar Drilling Products and Trinity Valley Lumberyard; he also worked as a supervisor of drainage for the Trinity Bay Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Order of the Purple Heart, this patriotic gentleman currently serves as commander of the Texas Golden Triangle Chapter of Ex-POWs; he is a past commander of the Freeman Spath Post of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans and a former member of the Governor's Prisoner of War Advisory Committee; in addition, he served as Chambers County Veterans Service Officer for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hand's service to his country and to his fellow citizens is truly inspirational, and it is indeed a privilege to recognize this exemplary gentleman and to pay tribute to his life and many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Broughton Lynn Hand and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness and success; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Hand as an expression of high regard 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 October 8, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate