

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 945

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in paying tribute to Bob Hope on the grand occasion of his 100th birthday on May 29, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Bob Hope, actor, entertainer, and comedian, is known around the world as a star of film and television, but it is in the hearts of generations of United States servicemen and servicewomen that his most enduring legacy will reside; and

WHEREAS, Bob Hope's commitment to entertaining the troops began in May, 1941, when he took a group of entertainers with him to March Field, California, to do a radio show for airmen stationed there; since then, in every war from World War II to the Gulf War, from remote outpost to the battlefield, Bob Hope traveled the globe to entertain the troops; and

WHEREAS, Appearing in khakis or fatigues, like his audience, Bob was able to bond with the troops and make them smile, for a while, and forget the horrors of war; and

WHEREAS, Bob was honored by the United States Congress five times, and in October, 1997, Congress bestowed upon him the title Honorary Veteran--the first time an individual was so honored in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Bob Hope will forever be remembered for his selfless devotion and his dedication to entertaining the thousands of men and women in the military, and he is truly a part of our heritage; Bob, thanks for the memories; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Bob Hope for his unwavering commitment to supporting America's servicemen and servicewomen and extend best wishes to him on his 100th birthday; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as a token of the high regard of the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate