

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

WHEREAS, September 4, 2005, will indeed be a special day for William Bernard Duke of Nacogdoches, for on that date he will commemorate his 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1915 in Chireno, Mr. Duke graduated from Chireno High School before completing his higher education at Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College and Sam Houston State Teachers College; and

WHEREAS, This patriotic Texan enlisted in the United States Army in 1941, and he was part of the D-Day invasion that took the Normandy shore in 1944; he also saw service in Germany, Holland, and the United Kingdom before returning home to Texas in 1945 and settling in Nacogdoches; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duke married Ruby Sizemore on August 31, 1947, embarking on a union that would continue to grow in mutual affection, admiration, and respect with each passing year; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant throughout his career, Mr. Duke distinguished himself in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture, working for the Forest Service from 1945 until his retirement in 1972; he remains an active member of his community today and attends the First Baptist Church, where he serves the congregation as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, With nearly nine decades of wonderful memories and a close-knit circle of family and friends, Bill Duke truly has reason to celebrate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate William Bernard Duke on his upcoming 90th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Duke as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Staples

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 19, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate