

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

In Memory
of
Theodore Allen Wilson

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas pays tribute to the life of retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Allen Wilson, who died March 15, 2006, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Wilson was a member of the renowned Tuskegee Airmen, who served their country with courage and honor during World War II; he was born in Gloucester, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, He earned a bachelor's degree in sociology at Virginia Union University and a master's degree in business at the University of Dayton in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, He was inducted into the United States Army at the beginning of World War II; he was transferred to the aviation cadet training center for African Americans at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, He flew the P-40 Warhawk and the P-51 Mustang fighter planes protecting bomber aircraft in 60 missions over Europe during World War II and saw action again during the Korean War as part of the 13th Bomb Squadron, flying 39 combat missions over Korea and Japan and earning a Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, After he retired from the air force in 1968, he worked for Bank of America and rose to the position of assistant vice president before retiring in 1984; and

WHEREAS, As a Tuskegee Airman, Colonel Theodore Wilson has a significant place in the history of this country; noted for his warmth and kindness, this distinguished gentleman will long be remembered for his dedication to service and his wise and generous counsel; he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Theodore Allen Wilson: his wife of 60 years, Doris Scott Wilson; his daughter, Suzanne Woodard; his son, Theodore A. Wilson III; his sister, Margaret Thomas; and his three grandchildren; and, be it further

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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 Theodore Allen Wilson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2006, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate