

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1042

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to honor Joe M. Uriegas, who was awarded France's National Order of the Legion of Honor by the French Consul General on March 9, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Order of the Legion Of Honor was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and is France's highest honor; the decoration is a white enameled star of five rays resting on a wreath of leaves with a gold medallion in the center, ringed by blue enamel; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe was one of only 100 United States veterans of World War II who were chosen to receive the honor on behalf of all the United States soldiers who fought in France during the war; and

**WHEREAS**, Army Staff Sergeant Joe Uriegas landed behind enemy lines in a glider on the June 6, 1944, assault on Normandy; he served in the 188th Field Artillery Battalion that saw action in Normandy, Northern France, at the Battle of the Bulge, and in the Rhineland and Central Europe; and

**WHEREAS**, A distinguished award such as the Legion of Honor is a rare accolade, and the Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to commend Joe Uriegas for this honor and for his invaluable service to our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate Joe M. Uriegas for being awarded the French Legion of Honor; 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 May 27, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate