SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 866

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ron Spriggs, who is bringing the Tuskegee Airmen Exhibition to the Doris Miller Auditorium in Austin from April 29 through May 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen Project trained and deployed African American pilots for combat missions in World War II; these men overcame prejudice and discrimination to serve their country as highly successful combat pilots; the Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen is helping to educate citizens around the country about the important contributions of this courageous group of pilots; and

WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen flew 200 bomber escort missions without losing a single bomber and won 744 air medals; their bravery and skill won them the admiration of those who had doubted their ability to do the job; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Tuskegee Airmen Project helped speed the desegregation of the armed forces and prepare a path for other pioneers like Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Ron Spriggs on his efforts at bringing history to life through the Tuskegee Airmen Exhibition and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 25, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate