

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 950

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to honor the contributions of the valiant women who served in uniform and on the home front during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Several hundred thousand women served in the armed forces during World War II in the Army, the Coast Guard, the Marines, and the Naval Reserve; the women's auxiliary forces were usually known by their acronyms: the Women's Army Corps (WACs), the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), the Women's Air Service Pilots (WASPs), the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), and the SPARS, the women's auxiliary unit of the Coast Guard named after the Coast Guard motto, *Semper Paratus*; the 20,000 women Marines, who were not known by an acronym, underwent a tough training course that introduced them to all aspects of combat, including firing antiaircraft guns and jumping from parachute towers; and

WHEREAS, Women in the military served as nurses and secretaries and worked in such varied specialties as cartography, computing, motor mechanics, weather forecasting, photography, dog and pigeon training, radio and telephone operating, and translating; through their courage, dedication, and hard work, more than a quarter of a million American servicewomen made a significant contribution to the success of military operations; and

WHEREAS, Not all of the women who participated in the war effort during World War II were in the military; inspired by the image of Rosie the Riveter, who became a cultural icon, more than six million women stepped forward to work in industries that produced the ships, airplanes, tanks, trucks, guns, and ammunition that were crucial in achieving an Allied victory; and

WHEREAS, Women with the Salvation Army provided a wide array of services ranging from supplying doughnuts to providing nursing skills; the United Service Organizations, universally known as the USO, sent women performers to all of the military theaters, and women in the Red Cross provided support for the troops by operating field canteens and helping to arrange emergency leaves; and

WHEREAS, Women volunteers with the Young Men's Christian Association spent countless hours helping servicemen and servicewomen; the Cadet Nurse Corps trained young student nurses for active duty with the military, and the women of the American Legion Auxiliary visited veterans' hospitals, where they rolled bandages and distributed gifts, greeting cards, stationery, and playing cards; and

WHEREAS, Many civilian women ran service clubs, craft shops, and libraries and organized entertainment and educational and recreational programs for military personnel throughout the world, contributing greatly to the comfort and well-being of the troops; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the hundreds of thousands of women who served in the military during World War II and to the millions who served on the home front and express heartfelt appreciation for their courageous contributions to the war effort; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate their service to our nation.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate