

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1172

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Fred Chase, Sr., who served his country with honor and distinction during World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Fred Chase, Sr., was born September 9, 1925, in Lytle, Texas, to Maria Vasquez and Vincent Chase; as the Great Depression began to unfold, he learned from his parents at an early age to be productive and stay strong in spirit; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 17, Fred Chase joined the United States Navy to fight in World War II; he served in the Pacific theater as a coxswain and achieved the rank of petty officer third class; he was a helmsman responsible for piloting landing craft during the amphibious assaults on the Japanese-occupied islands of Tarawa, Guam, Saipan, Guadalcanal, and Iwo Jima, famous for the raising of the United States flag atop Mount Suribachi; and

WHEREAS, He began working at Lone Star Gas Company in 1947, and he volunteered to join the Marine Corps Reserve in 1949 and was called to active duty during the Korean Conflict; he attained the rank of staff sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1951; he later went on to serve in the Texas Army National Guard Reserve with the rank of master sergeant in the 249th Tank Battalion; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1947, he married Frances Yllegas of San Antonio; the couple resided in Fort Worth and in Arlington and raised three children, Robert Chase, Fred Chase, Jr., and Irene Chase; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chase had a successful 38-year career with Lone Star Gas Company; he rose through the company ranks to become the first Hispanic superintendent of the greater Fort Worth area before retiring in 1985; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Fred Chase, Sr., on his many years of patriotic military service on behalf of his country and on his long and successful career and extend to him best wishes for the future; 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 25, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate