

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 75

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Senate is pleased to recognize Tuskegee Airman and Red Tail pilot Lieutenant Calvin J. Spann, who is being honored by Real Men Cook Dallas at the annual Father's Day event on June 16, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Real Men Cook for Charities, Incorporated, is honoring Lieutenant Calvin Spann for his exceptional contributions to our nation during World War II and for the positive role model he provides the African American community and all the young men of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, After receiving his wings as a Tuskegee Airman in 1944, Lieutenant Spann was trained to fly the P-47 Thunderbolt and sent as a replacement pilot to the Ramitelli, Italy, Air Base with a training manual to fly the P-51 Mustang; and

**WHEREAS**, He ended up flying 26 combat missions, including the longest and most historical mission of World War II, from Ramitelli to Berlin, Germany; he is among the elite group of pilots of the 332nd Fighter Group and the 100th Fighter Squadron who served under Colonel Benjamin O. Davis; and

**WHEREAS**, Recognized throughout this country as a living legend, Lieutenant Spann is a much-sought-after speaker who inspires others to adopt a can-do attitude toward achieving excellence; he particularly enjoys speaking to youths and encouraging them to overcome any obstacles they encounter in pursuit of their goals, and his remarkable story empowers audiences from all walks of life; and

**WHEREAS**, He is the recipient of numerous accolades, including induction into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame and the Congressional Medal of Honor, and Texas is honored to claim him as a treasured citizen of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to Tuskegee Airman Lieutenant Calvin J. Spann on his outstanding service on behalf of our country and on his exemplary life and achievements and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in his honor and 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 June 14, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate