

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 442

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Homer Hogues on the grand occasion of his 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Homer Hogues was born on April 19, 1927, in Navasota, to Leroy and Lucinda Hogues; he grew up in Waxahachie and graduated from high school before entering into military service with the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, After completing basic training, he was assigned to the famed Tuskegee Airmen as a mechanic with the 99th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group; he was instrumental in preparing the unit's aircraft for the first United States Air Force gunnery competition in Las Vegas in 1949; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from military service with the rank of staff sergeant, he embarked on a long and productive career as a hard chrome plater with Lane Plating Works; he has also been in great demand as a speaker for schools and church groups to recount his inspirational experiences with the Tuskegee Airmen; and

WHEREAS, Homer Hogues has lived through times and experienced events that most people only know about through history books; Sergeant Hogues was one of the few African Americans selected to participate in President Harry S. Truman's 1949 inaugural parade, and he attended the 2012 inaugural parade of Barack Obama, the nation's first African American president; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected and admired member of his community, Homer Hogues is noted for his warmth, his courage, and his wise counsel, and he inspires those around him with his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend best wishes to Homer Hogues on the occasion of his 90th birthday; 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 March 20, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate