

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 848**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dale Bottoms, who was the recipient of a French Legion of Honour Award on April 6, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, The French Legion of Honour Award is France's highest decoration; established to recognize eminent merits in the service of France, the medal may be awarded to French citizens or foreign nationals, whether military or civilian; Mr. Bottoms, of Jewett, Texas, was one of seven to be honored with the medal at the ceremony this April in Houston; the medal was presented by Sujiro Seam, the Consul General of France; and

**WHEREAS**, Dale Bottoms was a member of that great generation of young men who answered the call to serve their country during World War II; he fought courageously on behalf of freedom for France and all of Europe; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bottoms served on 30 missions as a B-24 flight engineer waist gunner over France and Germany during the war, and he was among those brave patriots who took part in the Normandy Invasion on D-Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bottoms is a highly decorated veteran who demonstrated spirit and selfless service on behalf of this nation and its allies, and he set a lasting standard for courage and patriotism; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Dale Bottoms for his distinguished military service during World War II and congratulate him on receiving a French Legion of Honour Award; 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 23, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate