

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY SENATOR ADLEY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dorothy Bell Jeter Bauer for her service to her country as a member of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dorothy Bell Jeter Bauer for her brave and faithful service to the United States during World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy's WAVES.

WHEREAS, Dorothy Bell Jeter Bauer is a native of Castor, Louisiana, who moved to Baton Rouge in 1938, and graduated from Istrouma High School in 1941, just as World War II was raging across the globe; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 1945, Mrs. Bauer enlisted in the U.S. Navy's Women Approved for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) and headed for Hunter College in the Bronx, New York, for basic training; and

WHEREAS, she later transferred to Flight Orderly Training School at the Naval Air Station in Olathe, Kansas, and trained successfully to become a flight crew member of the Naval Air Transport Squadron; and

WHEREAS, when Mrs. Bauer completed her training, she received orders to transfer to Air Squadron 1 in Patuxent River, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, during Mrs. Bauer's service, she participated in international flights to Newfoundland, the West Indies, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda, as well as many domestic flights along the east coast and California, averaging about one hundred hours of flight time each month; and

1           WHEREAS, she saw the terrible results of war as many of her passengers were  
2 wounded military personnel from the war in the South Pacific; and

3           WHEREAS, during Mrs. Bauer's dedicated service for her homeland, she was one  
4 of only about three hundred female flight orderlies in the entire Navy, and she took special  
5 pride in knowing that she was performing a critical job for America during some of the  
6 darkest moments of the war; and

7           WHEREAS, Mrs. Bauer would meet and marry Navy aviation machinist Thomas F.  
8 Bauer in 1947, and follow him as he continued to serve and make the Navy his career; and

9           WHEREAS, she received an Honorable Discharge on March 21, 1947, at the Naval  
10 Air Station at Patuxent River, Maryland, but she remained a military wife until her husband  
11 retired in 1961 and they returned to Baton Rouge; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Bauer worked at Moore Products Company until she joined her  
13 husband in retirement and together they raised a family of three children: Stan who made  
14 the Navy his career; Keith who retired from the Baton Rouge Police Department and  
15 currently works with Louisiana Senate Security; and Tanya who currently works for the  
16 Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office; and

17           WHEREAS, Mrs. Bauer lost her beloved husband in 1992 when he succumbed to  
18 cancer, but her life has been full, blessed with five grandchildren and three  
19 great-grandchildren who always provide her with their stories and their love; and

20           WHEREAS, Mrs. Bauer has also remained an active member of the Greenwell  
21 Springs Baptist Church and military organizations such as the Navy Club, Fleet Reserve  
22 Association, American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

23           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
24 does hereby express its highest commendations and its sincere gratitude to Dorothy Bell  
25 Jeter Bauer for her service in the highly important and dangerous air missions she flew  
26 during World War II in support of American troops as a member of the United States Navy  
27 WAVES.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
29 Dorothy Bell Jeter Bauer and her family.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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DIGEST

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