

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Augustus Brown Sr., posthumously upon his extraordinary life and numerous accomplishments

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Augustus Brown Sr., posthumously for his extraordinary life and numerous
3 accomplishments.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Augustus G. Brown Sr., be commended and
5 honored for his extraordinary life and significant contributions as a Tuskegee airman and
6 World War II veteran; and

7 WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American servicemen to
8 serve as military aviators in the United States armed forces, flying with distinction during
9 World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, breaking racial barriers, the Tuskegee Airmen overcame segregation
11 and prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II
12 for protecting bombers on missions over Nazi Germany; and

13 WHEREAS, the revolutionary successes of the Tuskegee Airmen helped pave the
14 way for the eventual integration of the United States armed forces; and

15 WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish native, Augustus G. Brown Sr., partook in the
16 legendary accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II; and

17 WHEREAS, during his senior year at Leland College, Mr. Brown bravely enlisted
18 in the military in the midst of World War II; and

19 WHEREAS, after completing basic training and officer-training school, Mr. Brown
20 was selected to join the elite all-black fighter squadron, having originally been assigned to
21 the 101st Squadron, which later became a part of the 332nd Fighter Group; and

1 WHEREAS, he later joined the 99th Fighter Squadron, which was popularly known
2 as "Redtails" because of the crimson paint on the tails of their P-51 Mustangs; and

3 WHEREAS, after serving his country, Mr. Brown returned to college, earning his
4 bachelor's degree in science in 1947 from Leland College; he subsequently earned his
5 master's degree in administration from Southern University and A&M College; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown became the only African American member of the
7 Terrebonne Flying Posse and the Experimental Aircraft Association; later in life, he also
8 became a member of the Houma Airport Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to his remarkable military career, Mr. Brown had a
10 distinguished career in education, having taught at the Houma Colored School, C.M.
11 Washington High School, and South Terrebonne High School; he also served as vice
12 principal of South Terrebonne High School and principal of the Schriever Colored School
13 and Ellender Junior High School; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Brown was promoted to the position of child-welfare and
15 attendance supervisor, where he served until his retirement in 1983; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown passed away in 1999 at the age of seventy-eight; and

17 WHEREAS, Augustus G. Brown Sr., dedicated his life to the service of his family,
18 community, and nation as a husband, father, soldier, and a beloved and respected individual
19 who is so richly deserving of this long-overdue recognition.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 commend posthumously Augustus G. Brown Sr.; does hereby recognize and record for
22 posterity the tremendous valor and fortitude he displayed as a Tuskegee airman; and does
23 hereby express the enduring appreciation of his fellow citizens for the great sacrifices he
24 made in the name of freedom.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
26 to the family of Augustus G. Brown Sr.

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