

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187

BY SENATOR RISER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Thomas Milton Wilson Jr. for a lifetime of service to his country as a pilot in the United States Air Force.

WHEREAS, Thomas Milton Wilson Jr. was born on April 12, 1919, during the post World War I period as the rubble of war still smoldered and the final terms of peace were yet to be signed; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Milton Wilson Jr. was a young man as the dark clouds of World War II began to gather and he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps, trained to be a pilot and earned his wings just in time to start flying the first of many dangerous combat missions from North Africa and Italy and into enemy territory in fortress Europe; and

WHEREAS, after his brave combat experiences in the Air Force, Mr. Wilson remained in the USAF Reserves for another twenty years and retired as a full Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Col. Wilson's grandson is Wil Clifton of Jonesville who edits the Catahoula News Booster and is very proud of his grandfather and his flying exploits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its highest commendations to Colonel Thomas M. Wilson Jr. for his courageous combat service as a pilot in World War II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Colonel Thomas Milton Wilson's grandson, Wil Clifton.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE