

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Ubert Terrell on his one hundred and first birthday and for his military service.

WHEREAS, Ubert Terrell was born on April 2, 1920, in Tylertown, Mississippi, the fourth of six children born to Martin and Ollie Ball Terrell; and

WHEREAS, the family moved to Red River Parish and later, after his father died in 1928 when Ubert was eight years old, his mother moved the family, including siblings Lola, Dalcus, Ester Lee, and Johnny, all now deceased, and LC and Ubert to St. Tammany Parish, as she had family there; and

WHEREAS, proceeds of a life insurance policy maintained on Martin enabled his mother to keep the family clothed and fed during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Ubert graduated from high school in 1938 and was with the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1939 to 1941; because he could type, he was made Assistant Educational Advisor and taught illiterate adults how to read and write; and

WHEREAS, he married the late Nanetta Adams Terrell and they had three children, Bruce and Keith, both deceased, and Aubrey Ray; he is blessed with four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ubert served in the United States Army from 1942-1945 as a Technical Sergeant, 100th Troop Carrier Squadron 441st Troop Carrier Group; he was an Aerial Engineer (C-46 and C-47 Airplane Crew Chief), and took part in the following battles and campaigns: Rome - Arno, Normandy, Northern France, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe WDGO 33 45; and

WHEREAS, he received many decorations and citations, including the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters GO 51 IXX, TCC July 1944 GO 38 HQ IX TCC October 1944; GO 123 TCC December 1944; Good Conduct Medal AR 600-68; Unit Citation SO 212 HQ IX AF August 1944; EAMETO Medal; and

WHEREAS, Ubert Terrell is the oldest living member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 406, having been a member since 1952; and

WHEREAS, as the country cherishes its ever-dwindling remaining World War II veterans, it is important to celebrate the invaluable contributions of men such as Ubert Terrell, who saw what needed to be done, put their lives on hold, and at great personal peril, fought to retain the rights and freedoms enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights for all Americans, and for that effort, Ubert Terrell is honored on his one hundred and first birthday for being a true American hero in every sense of the word and deserving of all honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Ubert Terrell on the happy occasion of his one hundred and first birthday; does recognize and herald his service to our country during his tour of duty in the United States Army; and does hereby express best wishes for many more years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ubert Terrell.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE