

Senate Resolution 654

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of First Lieutenant Robert Eugene Oxford; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Robert Eugene Oxford of the United States Army Air Corps  
4 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty, valiantly and courageously  
5 protecting his fellow Americans during World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Oxford, a winner of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air  
7 Medal, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Oxford of Concord, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he was the bombardier of a B-24 Liberator, attached to the 425th Bomb  
9 Squadron, 308th Bomb Group, and 14th Air Force, which failed to arrive at a supply base  
10 in Chabua, India on January 25, 1944; and

11 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Oxford is still considered Missing in Action and his family still  
12 grieves over the sacrifice made by this brave and talented individual on behalf of his country;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, after the end of World War II, attempts by the United States Government's  
15 American Graves Registration Service to locate the aircraft's crash site proved fruitless, and  
16 the names of all eight men who served on the crew were permanently inscribed on the  
17 Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery, Philippines; and

18 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2006, Mr. Clayton Kuhles, a recycling operator and  
19 mountaineer in Prescott, Arizona, who spends his free time locating the crash sites of  
20 American World War II aircraft in the China-Burma-India region, found a B-24 crash site  
21 in the very mountainous Arunachal Pradesh region of northeast India, which proved to be the  
22 very aircraft that First Lieutenant Oxford was on when it disappeared; and

23 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Robert Eugene Oxford was a person of magnanimous strengths  
24 with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by  
25 the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live and with  
26 the discovery of what was very likely his final resting place, his family can find peace.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 join in honoring the life and memory of First Lieutenant Robert Eugene Oxford and express  
29 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of First Lieutenant Robert  
32 Eugene Oxford.