

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 567

Honoring the life and career of George Hickman.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and career of George Hickman.

Whereas George Hickman was renowned as a Tuskegee Airman, a treasured leader in the Seattle community, and the lucky charm of Seattle sports until his passing on August 19, 2012, at the age of 88;

Whereas George Hickman leaves behind a loving wife of 57 years, Doris, 4 children, Regina, Sherie, Vincent, and Shauneil, 3 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild;

Whereas George Hickman served as a Tuskegee Airman and was one of the first African-American fighter pilots trained for World War II;

Whereas George Hickman served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945;

Whereas the honorable service of George Hickman and the other Tuskegee Airmen directly led to the desegregation of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas George Hickman received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2007 with his fellow Tuskegee Airmen;

Whereas George Hickman was a special guest along with nearly 200 other Tuskegee Airmen at the 2009 inauguration of President Barack Obama;

Whereas George Hickman worked as a B-52 engineer for Boeing from 1955 until his retirement in 1984;

Whereas George Hickman was a beloved usher at University of Washington athletic events for more than 40 years; and

Whereas George Hickman also was a fan favorite as an usher at Seattle Seahawks games for nearly a decade: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the long and loving life of George
3 Hickman, his service to the United States as a
4 Tuskegee Airman, and his role as an aviation pio-
5 neer;

6 (2) recognizes the service George Hickman per-
7 formed for his country and his significance as a role
8 model for African-American military pilots;

9 (3) recognizes the contributions of the greatest
10 generation who fought for the freedoms of the people
11 of the United States; and

1 (4) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
2 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
3 tion for appropriate display to Doris Hickman, the
4 University of Washington Athletic Department, and
5 the Seattle Seahawks organization.

○