

Senate Resolution 1046

By: Senators Thomas of the 2nd, Hill of the 4th and Johnson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum is a living memorial created
4 to honor the more than one million personnel who served in the United States Eighth Air
5 Force since it was organized in Savannah, Georgia, in 1942; and

6 WHEREAS, the Eighth Air Force was established during the early days of World War II to
7 provide the strategic air force essential to save Europe; and

8 WHEREAS, the original Eighth Air Force included 65 Heavy Bombardment Groups, 20
9 Fighter Groups, three Air Divisions, four major headquarters, and a support command with
10 supply, maintenance, and repair depots throughout the United Kingdom; and

11 WHEREAS, The Mighty Eighth Air Force was the largest, most publicized of all of the air
12 forces and was engaged in the most vicious air combat for the longest sustained period of
13 time out of all the other major air components in this country; and

14 WHEREAS, The Mighty Eighth won the air war over Europe and made the successful
15 invasion of Europe possible, and it had no peer in any category of combat activity and
16 suffered the greatest losses of brave young men who were never turned back by enemy
17 action; and

18 WHEREAS, some 350,000 men and women served in the Eighth Air Force during World
19 War II and contributed to the greatest and most spectacular air campaigns in aviation history;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum emphasizes the teaching of
2 character education through the numerous examples of courage, spirit, and sacrifice shown
3 by the members of the Eighth Air Force; and

4 WHEREAS, the museum is a resource partner of the Georgia Center for Character Education
5 and character education programming at the museum serves as a pilot program for other
6 museums throughout this state.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 recognize The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum as a memorial to those dedicated
9 personnel who served our nation and commend the museum and its staff on its commitment
10 to character education.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage
13 Museum.