

## Senate Resolution 519

By: Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Marion P. "Dutch" Owens; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on April 26, 2003, Marion P. "Dutch" Owens was inducted into the Georgia  
3 Aviation Hall of Fame at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Marion P. "Dutch" Owens received his wings and was commissioned as a 2nd  
5 lieutenant on October 9, 1942, and, after two years and more intensive training, he was  
6 promoted to the rank of captain and squadron leader; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he flew 67 combat missions in Europe during World War II, gaining the  
8 distinction of American Fighter Ace and receiving the Distinguished Service Cross in 1945  
9 and, after the war, the British Empire's Distinguished Flying Cross; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after returning to civilian life, he developed a successful sporting goods  
11 business in Albany, Georgia, while continuing to pursue his passion for flying; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was an active member and served on the board of the Albany Flying Club  
13 for many years and often volunteered his time to help students and pilots in instrument flying  
14 and other flight procedures; and
- 15 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding individual for his courage and  
16 his contributions to this state and nation.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
18 commend and congratulate Marion P. "Dutch" Owens on his induction into the Georgia  
19 Aviation Hall of Fame and extend their best wishes to him for future health and happiness.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Marion P. "Dutch" Owens.