

Senate Resolution 653

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Clayton Kuhles; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton Kuhles, a recycling operator and mountaineer in Prescott, Arizona,  
3 spends his spare time locating the crash sites of American World War II aircraft in the  
4 China-Burma-India region; and

5 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2006, he found a crashed B-24 in the mountainous Arunachal  
6 Pradesh region of northeast India, which proved to be the very aircraft that First Lieutenant  
7 Robert Eugene Oxford, a Concord, Georgia, resident, was on when it disappeared; and

8 WHEREAS, the aircraft discovered by Mr. Kuhles matches the description of the World War  
9 II aircraft, a B-24 Liberator, attached to the 425th Bomb Squadron, 308th Bomb Group, 14th  
10 Air Force, which failed to arrive at its destination on January 25, 1944; and

11 WHEREAS, since the day the aircraft was reported missing, the entire eight-man crew on  
12 the B-24 Liberator has been listed as missing in action; and

13 WHEREAS, the families of these courageous individuals, and specifically the family of  
14 Lieutenant Robert Eugene Oxford, have gained a sense of peace and closure with the  
15 knowledge of what was likely the final resting place of their loved ones; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Mr. Clayton Kuhles be recognized for  
17 his extraordinary discovery.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 recognize Mr. Clayton Kuhles for helping solve a mystery that has left eight families  
20 grieving with questions unanswered; commend him for his diligence in locating crash sites  
21 as his discoveries have the ability to impact history and give families peace; and extend their  
22 sincere best wishes for future success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Clayton Kuhles.