

Senators Bieda, Kowall, Gregory and Pappageorge offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 130.

A resolution honoring Lieutenant Colonel Matt Urban.

Whereas, It is with a great deal of respect for his accomplishments that we join the family and friends of Lieutenant Colonel Matt Urban, World War II Medal of Honor recipient and the most highly decorated soldier in U.S. military history, to remember his significant contributions to the people of both Michigan and the United States; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Urban was born on August 25, 1919, in Buffalo, New York. After graduating from Cornell University, he joined the United States Army in 1941. Lieutenant Colonel Urban served in six campaigns during World War II in the Mediterranean and European theaters of operation. For this heroic service, Lieutenant Colonel Urban was awarded a total of 29 medals, including two Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, seven Purple Hearts, and French and Belgian awards after serving six campaigns in the Mediterranean and European theaters; and

Whereas, Serving others was a well-established trait of Lieutenant Colonel Urban. After the war, Lieutenant Colonel Urban settled in Michigan, where he served as the recreation director for the city of Port Huron, director of the Monroe Community Center, and director of the Holland Civic Center and Recreation Department. He also served his community by remaining active in veterans affairs throughout his life; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Urban, who passed away in 1995, will be honored with a special military ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on August 23, 2014; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this acknowledgment and appreciation of Lieutenant Colonel Urban's heroism in war as well as his post-war accomplishments as a public servant for the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Matt Urban Memorial Committee as a reflection of our highest esteem.