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Senate Resolution 33EX

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd and Tanksley of the 32nd

## A RESOLUTION

Commending Mark Andrew Sundermeyer and his patriotic painting "Colossus Stirs"; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mark Andrew Sundermeyer, an artist from Flowery Branch, Georgia, has completed an amazing painting he has entitled "Colossus Stirs," which was the concern expressed by a Japanese admiral after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and expressed the mood of this country in the wake of the World Trade Center disaster; and

WHEREAS, "Colossus Stirs" pictures nine U.S. soldiers in the foreground, each representing a different conflict from the Revolutionary War to the first Persian Gulf War, with 11 soldiers in the background, setting the theme of symbolism contained in the painting; and

WHEREAS, the careful viewer discovers hidden symbols in the painting, including all four flight numbers of the aircraft involved in the World Trade Center attack; martial quotations from Generals Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, George "Blood and Guts" Patton, and by President Bush; images of doves of peace emanating from the figure of the Second World War soldier and a bald eagle hidden in the clouds of battle; the visages of Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden; inversed and broken Olympic rings; the Statue of Liberty; and Jesus mourning at the Murrah Federal Building; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sundermeyer is dedicating 30 percent of the sales of limited edition prints of this magnificent painting to the families of Georgians killed in Iraq and Afghanistan in the ongoing conflicts; and

WHEREAS, anyone who looks carefully at "Colossus Stirs" cannot help being moved, both at the stirring emotions invoked by the symbols the artist has embedded in the picture and the heartfelt dedication of Mr. Sundermeyer in accomplishing this work, and it is only fitting and proper that the members of this body recognize and commend both the artist and the work. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body recognize and commend Mark Andrew Sundermeyer for his patriotism and for his painting, "Colossus Stirs", and express their heartfelt emotions upon viewing this moving painting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mark Andrew Sundermeyer.