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In my sixth and seventh consulships, after I had put an end to civil war and had, by universal consensus, gained power over all things, I transferred my power over the state into the hands of the Senate and Roman People. For this reason, on behalf of my good deeds, by a decree of the Senate I was given the name *Augustus*; the doorposts of my house was decked out with laurel wreaths by public order, a civic crown was affixed to my doorway, and a golden shield was set up in the Julian Senate House. The inscription on the shield avowed that the Senate and Roman People had given it to me because of my valor, clemency, justice, and piety. Afterwards, though I excelled all in prestige, I had no more power at all than the others who served together with me in office.

When I served as consul for the 13<sup>th</sup> time, the Senate and Equestrian Order and the Roman People as one gave me the name *Father of the Fatherland* (*Pater Patriae*) and decreed that this was to be inscribed in the entrance of my house and in the Julian Senate House and in the Forum of Augustus, beneath the chariot team which had been set up by order of the Senate. As I write these things, I am in my 76<sup>th</sup> year.