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BOX 2.2 Augustus, *The Deeds of the Divine Augustus*, 34.

In my sixth and seventh consulships, after I had quenched the civil wars, and having become master of all affairs through universal consent, I transferred the Republic from my power to the authority of the senate and the Roman people. For my service, I was named Augustus by *senatus consultum*, and the doors of my house were publicly adorned with laurel, and a civic crown was fixed above my door, and a golden shield was placed in the *Curia Julia*, which—as the inscription of the shield testifies—the senate and Roman people gave to me on account of my courage, mercy, justice, and piety. After that time, I surpassed all others in influence (*auctoritas*), although I had no greater power (*potestas*) than the others who were my colleagues in each magistracy.