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3 By Senators Beasley, Albritton, Allen, Blackwell, Brewbaker,  
4 Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,  
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,  
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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8 COMMENDING THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN ON THE 75TH  
9 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

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11 WHEREAS, during World War II, almost 1,000 African  
12 American aviators, whose responsibility would be to escort  
13 America's bombers over enemy territory, studied at historic  
14 Tuskegee Institute and trained at Moton Field, Tuskegee Army  
15 Air Corps Field, and elsewhere in America, becoming the first  
16 black pilots in American military history; and

17 WHEREAS, these aviators, performed well in combat  
18 and the 332nd Fighter Group lost significantly fewer bombers  
19 than other fighter escort groups saving the lives of countless  
20 bomber crews; known as the Tuskegee Airmen, they distinguished  
21 themselves in combat and on the ground demonstrating  
22 determination and persistence to overcome many obstacles; and

23 WHEREAS, in tribute to the valor and class of these  
24 distinguished aviators in World War II service, the Tuskegee  
25 Airmen were collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal  
26 by President George W. Bush in March 2007; and

1           WHEREAS, fighting Nazis overseas and racism at  
2 home, the Tuskegee Airmen risked their lives for their country  
3 in a time when they were denied equal opportunities, opening  
4 the way to others; and

5           WHEREAS, a 75th anniversary to celebrate the  
6 bravery and dedicated service of the Tuskegee Airmen will be  
7 held at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery, Alabama, on March  
8 22, 2016, to honor and pay tribute to these true American  
9 heroes; and

10           WHEREAS, it is proper to acknowledge those of the  
11 Tuskegee Airmen who served with distinction as true American  
12 patriots to whom special honor, salutes, and sincere gratitude  
13 are due; now therefore,

14           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, in highest recognition of  
16 their significant contributions to our nation and the freedoms  
17 we all enjoy, we heartily commend the Tuskegee Airmen and join  
18 with all Alabamians in honoring these brave Americans on the  
19 occasion of the 75th Anniversary.