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HR\_\_\_ CELEBRATING TUSKEGEE AIRMEN DAY ON MARCH 7, 2024.

WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in recognizing and declaring March 7 of every year as Tuskegee Airmen Day in the State of Alabama; the Tuskegee Airmen were the first Black military fighter pilots in the United States Army Air Corps; the men flew more than 15,000 sorties throughout Europe and parts of Africa during World War II; and

WHEREAS, this year, on March 7, 2024, the Tuskegee Airmen Family and Friends (TAFF) are coming home to the hallowed grounds of Tuskegee, Alabama, where their loved ones trained to become the nation's first Black fighter pilots known as the famous Tuskegee Airmen; TAFF joins Tuskegee University and Friends of Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site to officially donate treasured and rarely seen memorabilia to the Tuskegee University Archives for lifelong preservation; and

WHEREAS, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Kenney Hall Bioethics Center on the campus of Tuskegee University at 1:00 P.M.; the keynote speaker will be Documented Original Tuskegee Airman (DOTA) and WWII combat pilot, Lieutenant Colonel George E. Hardy; and

WHEREAS, the national treasures to be donated by TAFF include artifacts such as clothing, photos, and medals that



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29 are not just part of Black history, but of American history  
30 and legacy with significant historical importance; and

31 WHEREAS, some of the national treasures to be donated  
32 include a photo album by DOTA Robert Olivia of never before  
33 published images of various Tuskegee Airmen at Ramitelli Air  
34 Field where the Airmen were stationed to provide fighter  
35 escort for heavy bomber missions in Europe; at Ramitelli,  
36 the 332nd received and flew their famous P-51 Mustangs that  
37 they painted the tails red to distinguish their aircraft  
38 from those of other squadrons; thereafter, they famously  
39 became known as the "Red Tails"; and

40 WHEREAS, the list of donated artifacts also includes  
41 a handwritten autobiography by DOTA Robert Olivia; DOTA  
42 Myron Wilson's Class Book and Pilot's Log Book; DOTA  
43 Wilson's Wings; DOTA Wilson's Airman's Certificate from the  
44 United States Department of Commerce; DOTA Wilson's Airman's  
45 Rating Record; WWII German and American artillery shells  
46 from DOTA Dabney Montgomery; a two-foot tall Bronze Maquette  
47 Statue of DOTA Howard Baugh; WWII flight scarf of DOTA  
48 Spanky Roberts; and letters written by DOTA Spanky Roberts  
49 to his wife and parents while he was stationed at the  
50 Tuskegee Army Air Field and in Ramitelli, Italy; and

51 WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Airmen played a vital role in  
52 desegregating the U.S. Armed Forces; they proved that  
53 African Americans were equally qualified and had the  
54 intellectual capacity to become successful military pilots;  
55 there were more than 16,000 men and women who participated  
56 in the "Tuskegee Experience" training at Tuskegee Army Air



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57 Field in the 1940s and all are considered Tuskegee Airmen;  
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59 WHEREAS, it is manifestly fitting and appropriate to  
60 recognize the selfless service of these outstanding Tuskegee  
61 Airmen, whose service to the citizens of the United States  
62 distinguishes them as true American heroes; now therefore,

63 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
64 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take great pleasure in  
65 recognizing March 7, annually, as Tuskegee Airmen Day in the  
66 State of Alabama, and we remember the great sacrifice to  
67 secure our lives and our freedoms made by the Tuskegee  
68 Airmen; by copy of this resolution we pay highest tribute to  
69 these American heroes whose dedication and service to the  
70 United States has promoted and protected the freedoms of our  
71 country.