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1 A Resolution remembering and honoring the Tuskegee  
2 Airmen.

3 WHEREAS, at a time when the United States is again  
4 combating terrorism, it is good to remember an earlier  
5 time when bloodshed and terror surrounded the globe,  
6 and Americans stepped forward and put themselves in  
7 harm's way — among them were the Tuskegee Airmen; and

8 WHEREAS, at the dawn of World War II the 66th  
9 Air Force Flying School at Tuskegee Institute was  
10 established to train African-American pilots for the  
11 war; and

12 WHEREAS, almost 1,000 African-Americans trained at  
13 the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Alabama, and  
14 450 of the men were sent overseas for combat duty; and

15 WHEREAS, these pilots were known as "Tuskegee  
16 Airmen" and were nicknamed "Red-Tail Angels" after the  
17 red tail markings on their aircraft; and

18 WHEREAS, the 99th Fighter Squadron was sent to  
19 North Africa in the spring of 1943 for combat duty and  
20 in 1944, they were joined by other African-American

21 squadrons to form the 332nd Fighter Squadron, which  
22 flew missions over Sicily, the Mediterranean, and North  
23 Africa; and

24 WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Airmen compiled an outstanding  
25 record, completing more than 1,500 missions, destroying  
26 260 enemy aircraft, sinking an enemy destroyer, and  
27 demolishing other enemy installations; and

28 WHEREAS, during the war, 66 Tuskegee Airmen were  
1 killed in action and 32 were held as prisoners of  
2 war; and

3 WHEREAS, through their exploits the Tuskegee Airmen  
4 helped end segregation in the military; and

5 WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Airmen were awarded numerous  
6 honors, including the Congressional Gold Medal, awarded  
7 during a ceremony with President George W. Bush in  
8 2007; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
10 the House of Representatives honors the brave service  
11 of the Tuskegee Airmen and thanks them for their  
12 service to the cause of freedom.