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3 By Representatives Warren and Drummond  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3                   RECOGNIZING MARCH 7, EACH YEAR AS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN  
4 DAY.

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6                   WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
7 recognizing and declaring March 7 of every year, as Tuskegee  
8 Airmen Day in the State of Alabama; the Tuskegee Airmen were  
9 the first African American military aviators in the U.S. Army  
10 Air Corps, a precursor to the U.S. Air Force; and

11                   WHEREAS, the formation of an all African American  
12 squadron based in Tuskegee, Alabama, in 1941, gave birth to  
13 the Tuskegee Airmen, one of the most highly respected fighter  
14 groups in World War II; the Tuskegee Institute was chosen to  
15 train pilots because of its commitment to aeronautical  
16 training, as well as its facilities and engineering and  
17 technical instructors; it became the center for African  
18 American aviation during World War II; and

19                   WHEREAS, overcoming segregation and prejudice, the  
20 Tuskegee Airmen willingly placed themselves in harm's way to  
21 defend the United States of America; flying and maintaining  
22 sophisticated combat aircraft, the Tuskegee Airmen secured a  
23 place in United States history and the hearts of all  
24 Americans; and

1           WHEREAS, it is manifestly fitting and appropriate to  
2 recognize the selfless service of these outstanding Tuskegee  
3 Airmen, whose service to the citizens of the United States  
4 distinguished them as true American heroes; and

5           WHEREAS, it honors all Americans to take time to  
6 meditate on those who have made the greatest sacrifice to  
7 secure our lives and our freedoms; the Tuskegee Airmen are  
8 respected by all who knew them and those who have learned  
9 about their story, their service, and their sacrifice; now  
10 therefore,

11           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we take great pleasure in  
13 recognizing and declaring March 7 each year as Tuskegee Airmen  
14 Day in the State of Alabama, and by copy of this resolution  
15 pay highest tribute to these American heroes whose dedication  
16 and service to the United States promoted and protected the  
17 freedoms of our country.

