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3 By Representative Holmes
4 RFD: Rules
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4 COMMENDING THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN AND INVITING THEM TO
5 ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE.
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7 WHEREAS, at a time when most white Americans did not
8 think blacks could be taught to fix a plane, much less fly
9 one, almost 1,000 black aviators, whose responsibility would
10 be to escort America's bombers over enemy territory, studied
11 at the Tuskegee Institute and trained at an isolated complex
12 near Tuskegee, Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, these aviators, who became known as the
14 Tuskegee Airmen, distinguished themselves in combat over the
15 skies of North Africa and Europe during World War II; and

16 WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Airmen flew more than 15,000
17 sorties and destroyed more than 450 enemy planes with 66
18 pilots killed and 35 shot down and captured; and

19 WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Airmen did not lose a single
20 bomber they escorted, and some white pilots asked for members
21 of the Tuskegee Airmen as escorts because of their dedication;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, through their actions, the Tuskegee Airmen
24 proved that individuals will rise above what is expected; now
25 therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most heartily invite

1 the Tuskegee Airmen to address, at a time chosen by the
2 Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of
3 Representative after consultation with the sponsor of this
4 resolution a joint session of the Alabama Legislature and do
5 further direct that a copy of this resolution be provided to
6 the Tuskegee Airmen.

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House of Representatives

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Greg Pappas
Clerk