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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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4 ENROLLED, SJR34,

5 COMMENDING THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN ON THE 75TH
6 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, fighting Nazis overseas and racism at
25 home, the Tuskegee Airmen risked their lives for their country

1 in a time when they were denied equal opportunities, opening
2 the way to others; and

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 23-FEB-16
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 25-FEB-16

By: Senator Beasley