



# City of Chicago



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## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 11/9/2016

**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Recognition extended to Julian Johnson for military service as a Tuskegee Airman

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Julian Johnson served his country with distinction as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Julian Johnson graduated from Tilden Technical High School in 1942 and began working at National Star Product as a lab assistant while attending night school at the Illinois Institute of Technology; and

**WHEREAS**, In the summer of 1943 Julian Johnson entered the service and was assigned to the United States Army's Coastal Artillery Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Julian Johnson applied to the Air Corps Cadet School and was accepted; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1944, with the rank of Corporal, Julian Johnson. was transferred from Kessler Army Air Field in Biloxi Mississippi to the Tuskegee Institute for pre-flight training and was accepted into the Bombardier training program; and

**WHEREAS**, While awaiting navigator class, Julian Johnson attended flexible Gunnery School training at Tyndall Arm Air Field School and was awarded Aerial Gunner Wings; and

**WHEREAS**, Julian Johnson returned to the Tuskegee Army Airfield and was transferred to Midland Army Air Field in Texas where he became part of the Bombardier Class and completed an additional 124 flying hours; and

**WHEREAS**, After the war, Julian Johnson went on to have a brilliant career as a chemical engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, Julian Johnson served as a Senior Research Engineer engaged in electrochemical research; and

**WHEREAS**, During his long and illustrious career, Julian Johnson worked at Armor, Dial, Westco Chemical, Soft Sheen Products and the RR Donnelly Company; and.

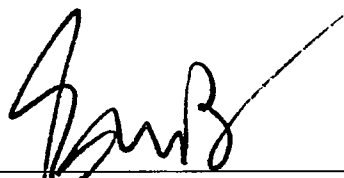
**WHEREAS**, Julian Johnson is truly an example of what journalist Tom Brokaw called "Our Greatest Generation;" and

**WHEREAS**, Julian Johnson will be honored at a special celebration on the eve of Veteran's Day at Wintrust's Grand Banking Hall, 231 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Julian Johnson is exceedingly worthy of our highest admiration and esteem; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this ninth day of November, 2016 do hereby express our sincere appreciation to Julian Johnson for his military service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Julian Johnson.



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*Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*