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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

February 22, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Burke, Harris, Hairston, Sawyer, Mitchell, Beale, Foulkes, Moore, Curtis, Cochran, Brookins, Jr., Burnett, Jr., Ervin, Austin, Mitts, Scott, Jr., and Dowell, a resolution honoring the Tuskegee Airmen.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

*adopted by*

# *Resolution No. 17-0001, Illinois*

**Aldermen: M. Burka/Carri\* M. Austin, Walter Burnett Jr., Leslie A. Hairston, Gregory I. Mitchell, Anthony A. Beale, Toni L. Foulkes, David Moore, Derrick G. Curtis, Emma Mitts, Michael Scott; Jr., Micjiejle -Harris, Jason G. Ervin, Pat Dowell, Roderick t. Sawyer, Willie Cochran, Edward Jr. presented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel .. February 22, 2017 .**

On March 22, 1941 the 99<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps, the first Army combat aviation unit comprised of African-American personnel, later known as the Tuskegee Army Airfield in Rantoul, Illinois; and

*WHEREAS; Many patriotic members of the Tuskegee Army Airfield were residents of Illinois before and after World War II; and*

WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Army Airfield in Alabama, which played a more significant role in nurturing additional units and was the place where they became known by their geographic name

WHEREAS, Known as the "Red Tail" aircraft, the Tuskegee Army Airfield were famous for tenacity and skill in successfully protecting bombers over Europe and North Africa; and

*WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Army Airfield's combat record was both legendary, and extraordinary, as they fought racism and bigotry to earn their reputation as the Tuskegee Army Airfield during World War II;*

WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Army Airfield flew 1,578 missions; were responsible for 112 aerial kills and were awarded numerous medals, including 96 Distinguished Flying Crosses, one Congressional Gold Medal, three Presidential Unit Citations, eight Purple Hearts, 25 Bronze Stars, 1,031 Air Medals with a Cluster, one Silver Star, one Legion of Merit, four Soldier Medals and one Red Star of Yugoslavia; and

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