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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

t oj m cim or vmgxqo, 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 .

t6TGW(SOn March 22, 1941 the 99th Pursuit Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps, the first Army combat aviation unit comprised of .Afriqah-Am dhd: -su'ppqit :

personnel, later known as the Tuskegee' Airmen-was- qctivbted dt 'Chahutev'Fi'eld in¹
Rantoul, Illinois; and.. . ■ " • • • .! • '■-...

. " • WHEREAS; Many patriotic members of the/Tuskegee ,Airmen^werje residents'of lioagb
before and'after World War II; and ""~"; /■'.■■■'. ./.'■%■; *'.■-.^-/>%,-

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played q more.significqnt role in nurturing aqjitional'Units and was;the plabe where they '
became knbwn by their geographic no 4 .- '••' .• ^.V'

; ; ; VWHEREAS, Known as the "Red t^
aircraft, the Tuskegee Airmen were famous for tenacity and;skil],in successfully protecting •
bombers over Europe and.:North Africa; and ■■ .!■" ,;:; ^; ■''''^ ^ ;"-f. ^;

WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen's combat record was both. legendary, and '
extraordinary, as they fought racism and' bigotry' to-earn their reputation as Merges ih - f '.

World-War II,vdnd >>■ ■.' ' ' ' ' / --^rU ;;:; }■

■■- WHEREAS, the tuskegee' Airmen flew.,T,578 missions; Were responsible 'for.'" 1'l-'2 aerial kills
and were awarded- numerous medals, including 96 Distinguished Flying ' ' •Crosses, one Congressional
Gold.Medal, three Presidential Unit■•Citations';-;eightpurple 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 ofJugoslavia;
and. -.- .■ ■ ■;:;.'-.- •-

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