

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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As Committed-Amended
Recommendation

By Hon. _____

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 3, 2017, as "Tuskegee Airmen Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, During World War I, African Americans were
4 prohibited from serving as military pilots in the United States
5 Armed Forces due to their race; and

6 WHEREAS, On April 3, 1939, in response to advocacy by civil
7 rights leaders and the National Association for the Advancement
8 of Colored People, the Congress of the United States approved
9 funding designated for the training of African-American military
10 pilots; and

11 WHEREAS, On March 22, 1941, the United States Army Air Corps
12 99th Pursuit Squadron was activated to become the first African-
13 American fighter squadron; and

14 WHEREAS, The members of the 99th Pursuit Squadron were the
15 first to be known as Tuskegee Airmen because they had received
16 their initial flight training at Moton Field, a segregated air
17 base in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

1 WHEREAS, African-American military pilots who trained at
2 Moton Field in Tuskegee, Alabama, were known as Tuskegee Airmen,
3 and would later form the famous 332nd Fighter Group, who were
4 also known as the "Red Tails" due to the distinctive red
5 markings on the tails of their aircraft; and

6 WHEREAS, Between 1941 and 1946, approximately 1,000 African-
7 American military pilots were trained in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

8 WHEREAS, During World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen flew more
9 than 15,000 sorties and lost 66 men in the line of duty, one of
10 the lowest loss records of any escort fighter group; and

11 WHEREAS, The courage, dedication and service of the Tuskegee
12 Airmen continues to inspire both military personnel and
13 civilians of all backgrounds throughout this country; therefore
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
16 3, 2017, as "Tuskegee Airmen Day" in Pennsylvania.