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To Celebrate March 29th, 2023 as “Tuskegee Airmen Day” in the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Airmen were the first squadron of African-American aviators who fought in World War II; and

WHEREAS, the squadron was highly acclaimed for their combat record, being awarded three Distinguished Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, its formation was due to the ongoing segregation of United State Military Forces, enabling Black-Americans who sought to serve as aviators in the way the ability to do so; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the Tuskegee Airmen established a national chapter in Tuskegee, Alabama where Tuskegee Institute, the facilities at which they were trained, was located; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Memorial Chapter was established afterward with the mission of keeping the important legacy and achievements of the original Tuskegee Airmen alive; and

WHEREAS, the stories of the Tuskegee Airmen are an integral component of our national history and the importance of Black-Americans in shaping it; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby celebrate March 29th, 2023 as “Tuskegee Airmen Day” within the City of Columbus to recognize the contributions they have had on our history and community.