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8 RECOGNIZING MARCH 7, EACH YEAR AS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN  
9 DAY.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
12 recognizing and declaring March 7 of every year, as Tuskegee  
13 Airmen Day in the State of Alabama; the Tuskegee Airmen were  
14 the first African American military aviators in the U.S. Army  
15 Air Corps, a precursor to the U.S. Air Force; and

16 WHEREAS, the formation of an all African American  
17 squadron based in Tuskegee, Alabama, in 1941, gave birth to  
18 the Tuskegee Airmen, one of the most highly respected fighter  
19 groups in World War II; the Tuskegee Institute was chosen to  
20 train pilots because of its commitment to aeronautical  
21 training, as well as its facilities and engineering and  
22 technical instructors; it became the center for African  
23 American aviation during World War II; and

24 WHEREAS, overcoming segregation and prejudice, the  
25 Tuskegee Airmen willingly placed themselves in harm's way to  
26 defend the United States of America; flying and maintaining  
27 sophisticated combat aircraft, the Tuskegee Airmen secured a

1 place in United States history and the hearts of all  
2 Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, it is manifestly fitting and appropriate to  
4 recognize the selfless service of these outstanding Tuskegee  
5 Airmen, whose service to the citizens of the United States  
6 distinguished them as true American heroes; and

7 WHEREAS, it honors all Americans to take time to  
8 meditate on those who have made the greatest sacrifice to  
9 secure our lives and our freedoms; the Tuskegee Airmen are  
10 respected by all who knew them and those who have learned  
11 about their story, their service, and their sacrifice; now  
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we take great pleasure in  
15 recognizing and declaring March 7 each year as Tuskegee Airmen  
16 Day in the State of Alabama, and by copy of this resolution  
17 pay highest tribute to these American heroes whose dedication  
18 and service to the United States promoted and protected the  
19 freedoms of our country.