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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Interstate 57 is a major thoroughfare that runs  
3 through the a large portion of the City of Chicago and the  
4 outlying suburbs, as well as through the State of Illinois,  
5 tracing the route of the former Illinois Central railroad line;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined  
8 young men who enlisted to become America's first black military  
9 airmen; and

10 WHEREAS, Each of the men possessed a strong personal desire  
11 to serve the United States with the best of his ability; and

12 WHEREAS, After the end of World War II, black airmen  
13 returned to the United States and once again faced racism and  
14 hatred, despite their outstanding service record; and

15 WHEREAS, These brave men deserve to be recognized by the  
16 State of Illinois for their service to their country during  
17 wartime; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the section of Interstate 57

1 between Exit 339 at Sauk Trail Road, and Exit 353 at 127th  
2 Street and Burr Oak Avenue, be renamed the Tuskegee Airmen  
3 Memorial Highway; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
5 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
6 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
7 giving notice of the name of the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial  
8 Highway; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
11 Transportation.