

By: Representatives Oliver, Perkins

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY AND HEROIC
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CALVIN "CAL" HOBBS, A MEMBER OF THE LEGENDARY
3 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN OF WORLD WAR II.

4 WHEREAS, during his life, Mr. Calvin "Cal" Hobbs was most
5 well-known as a member of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, who
6 fought in World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, this native of Winona, Mississippi, enlisted into
8 the United States Army Air Corp's aviation cadets class in Omaha,
9 Nebraska, in 1944, and was later assigned to the first
10 African-American Aviation Mechanics class at Amarillo Army Air
11 Base; and

12 WHEREAS, a man of determination and strong work ethic, he
13 eventually earned an assignment to the 477th Bomber Squadron,
14 which was attached to the 99th Fighter Squadron; and

15 WHEREAS, his outstanding willpower and resolve to be the
16 best, skyrocketed his career and led to the promotions of Sergeant
17 in 22 months, Tech Sergeant in four years, Master Sergeant in
18 eight years, and ultimately the rank of Chief Master Sergeant



19 (CMSgt.), which is the highest enlisted rank in the now United
20 States Air Force; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition to his prestigious rank, CMSgt. Hobbs
22 had many other accomplishments, such as completion of Aerial
23 Gunnery School, Line Chief with the 99th and now famed 332nd
24 Tuskegee Airmen Fighter Group, Crew Chief of the first KC-135
25 refueling aircraft - Mather AFB, Flight Chief, Line Chief, and
26 NCOIC Maintenance Control - Mathers AFB. CMSgt.; and

27 WHEREAS, after 20 years of selfless, dedicated and honorable
28 service to the United States, CMSgt. Hobbs retired in 1964; and

29 WHEREAS, driven by his desire to maintain the legacy of the
30 Tuskegee Airmen for generations to come, CMSgt., Retired, Hobbs
31 became one of the founding members of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.,
32 Spanky Roberts Chapter a nonprofit that seeks to honor the
33 accomplishments of Tuskegee Airmen by introducing young people
34 across the nation to the world of aviation and science through
35 local programs; and

36 WHEREAS, because he was passionate about the legacy of
37 aviation and science in the African-American community, he was an
38 integral member of the Tuskegee Airmen Living History Team, and
39 traveled to civic organizations, churches, and schools around the
40 nation telling the story of the Tuskegee Airmen; and

41 WHEREAS, CMSgt., Retired, Hobbs' message to the world,
42 especially to young people, was always consistent: "Always be
43 prepared when an opportunity arises!"; and



44 WHEREAS, in 2011, at the age of 87, CMSgt., Retired, Hobbs,
45 having faithfully served his country, but most importantly his
46 Lord, passed this life peacefully surrounded by his family, all of
47 whom he loved with much pride; and

48 WHEREAS, although he has passed this life, his contributions
49 to aviation and science as a member of the legendary Tuskegee
50 Airmen, and as a member of "the Greatest Generation" will never be
51 forgotten; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to honor
53 Mississippians, such as CMSgt., Retired, Calvin Hobbs, who have
54 served our country with great honor and pride, created positive
55 historic legacies and strived to educate future generations about
56 science and aviation:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
59 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life, legacy and historic
60 accomplishments of Chief Master Sergeant, Retired, Calvin "Cal"
61 Hobbs, a member of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen of World War II.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to the family of CMSgt., Retired, Calvin "Cal" Hobbs and
64 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

