

Media Advisory



...From State Representative Marlow H. Colvin

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**GOVERNOR QUINN, STATE REP. COLVIN,
STATE SEN. RAOUL HOST
TUSKEGEE AIRMEN MEMORIAL TRAIL DEDICATION**

CHICAGO – Governor Pat Quinn, State Representative Marlow H. Colvin (D-Chicago), State Senator Kwame Raoul (D-Chicago), the Chicago “DODO” Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc, IDOT Secretary Ann Schneider and City of Markham Mayor David Webb, Jr. host the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Trail Dedication Ceremony on Monday, February 20, 2012 at 10:00 am at the City of Markham City Hall, 16313 South Kedzie Parkway, Markham, IL 60428. Sixteen of the original Tuskegee Airmen who live in the Chicago area will be honored at the ceremony.

“The Tuskegee Airmen overcame unimaginable odds to be able to defend our country and our way of life,” Colvin said. “Dedicating a portion of Interstate 57 (I57) to honor their sacrifices and their legacy is but a small gesture to say thank you.”

The Tuskegee Airmen is the popular name of a group of African American pilots who fought in World War II. Formally, they were the 332nd Fighter Group and the 477th Bombardment Group of the U.S. Army Air Corp. The Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America’s first black military airmen.

Interstate 57 is a major thoroughfare in the United States interstate system of roads which, in part, is situated through sections of the south side of Chicago and through the southern suburbs of Cook County.

House Joint Resolution 28 sponsored by State Representative Colvin, State Senator Raoul and many other state legislators designates a section of I57 between Exit 339 at Sauk Trail Road, and Exit 358 at Wentworth Avenue in Chicago, to be named the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Trail.

House Joint Resolution 28 is a reflection of the efforts by state legislators nation-wide to name sections of the interstate expressways in all fifty states, Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Trail.

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