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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 187

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Samuel Sams Jr., upon the celebration of his ninety-fifth birthday and recognizes his service during World War II as a Tuskegee Airman

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend Samuel Sams Jr., on the occasion of his ninety-fifth birthday, for his service
3	as a Tuskegee Airman during World War II.
4	WHEREAS, Samuel Sams Jr. was born to Rev. Samuel Sams and Mrs. Annie
5	Husband Sams, in Oakdale, Louisiana, on May 25, 1921; and
6	WHEREAS, Mr. Sams attended Mandeville Elementary and St. Tammany High
7	School in Slidell before joining the United States Air Corps, where he became a corporal and
8	served in World War II in the 99th Fighter Squadron, otherwise known as the Tuskegee
9	Airmen; and
10	WHEREAS, the 99th Fighter Squadron was awarded two Distinguished Unit
11	Citations for outstanding tactical air support and aerial combat in the 12th Air Force in Italy,
12	before joining the 332nd Fighter Group; and
13	WHEREAS, on May 12, 1945, Mr. Sams received a lapel button for being missing
14	in action for eleven days; and
15	WHEREAS, after serving his country, Mr. Sams completed his education and
16	married Marian Ducre Sams, to whom he has been married for many years and with whom
17	he has raised three children, Andrew, April, and B.J.; and
18	WHEREAS, Mr. Sams serves on the Deacon Board for the Goodwill Missionary
19	Baptist Church, and is also one of the original Fireside Gospel Singers.
20	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby, upon the occasion of his ninety-fifth birthday,

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- 1 commend Samuel Sams Jr. for his courageous service as a Tuskegee Airman during World
- 2 War II and also expresses sincere gratitude for Mr. Sam's lifelong record of distinguished
- 3 service to the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 5 to Samuel Sams Jr.

DIGEST

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