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Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Act of 2026

Background:

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first Black military pilots in U.S. history, trained at Moton Field and the Tuskegee Army Airfield in Tuskegee, Alabama. They went on to form units such as the 99th Fighter Squadron and the 32nd Fighter Group, and served alongside thousands of Black mechanics, navigators, bombardiers, and support personnel, who were vital to America's victory in World War II.

Flying more than 15,000 sorties escorting Allied bombers over Europe, the Airmen compiled an exceptional combat record that helped pave the way for the desegregation of the U.S. military. Their service represents a defining chapter in both American military history and the nation's ongoing pursuit of equality and opportunity.

What the Bill Does:

This bill authorizes Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated to establish a memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate the service, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

This Bill Seeks To:

- Create an educational memorial that teaches future generations about one of the most celebrated and decorated fighting forces in American history.
- Highlight the critical roles that Black military pilots and support personnel played in securing Allied victory in World War II.
- Allow the millions of visitors who travel to Washington, D.C. each year to learn about and honor the Airmen's extraordinary legacy.

Key Provisions:

- Authorizes Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated to establish a memorial to the Tuskegee Airmen on federal land in the District of Columbia.
- Designates the memorial to commemorate the service, sacrifice, and legacy of the original Tuskegee Airmen and units they served during World War II.