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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 332ND FIGHTER GROUP, THE “TUSKEGEE AIRMEN” AND BRIGADIER GENERAL ENOCH “WOODY” WOODHOUSE II

**WHEREAS,** The Tuskegee Airmen, famously known as the “Red Tails,” were the nation’s first Black military pilots, serving in the 332nd Fighter Group of the 15th Air Force during World War II, where they provided critical bomber escort missions and earned one of the lowest loss records of all fighter units, showcasing extraordinary skill, discipline, and bravery; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Brigadier General Enoch “Woody” Woodhouse II, born on January 14, 1927, in Roxbury, MA, is a cherished member of the Boston community and a distinguished member of the Tuskegee Airmen who has lived a life of extraordinary service, resilience, and advocacy for equity and justice; *and*

**WHEREAS,** At just 17 years old, Woody enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, overcoming systemic racism and personal challenges, including being subjected to segregation on his way to basic training, where he was denied a seat on the train designated for “Whites Only,” delaying his arrival at boot camp; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Woody was initially assigned to Squadron F, an all-Black unit primarily tasked with housekeeping, road maintenance, and kitchen duties, but through his determination and intellect—bolstered by his multilingual abilities—he earned a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant at the age of 19 and became the paymaster and finance officer for the 332nd Fighter Group; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Tuskegee Airmen’s contributions to the war effort and their fight against racial injustice set the stage for the desegregation of the U.S. Armed Forces and inspired countless individuals to pursue excellence in the face of adversity; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Brigadier General Woodhouse has dedicated his post-military life to serving as a mentor, advocate, and educator, tirelessly sharing the story of the Tuskegee Airmen and using his platform to inspire future generations to overcome challenges and work toward a more inclusive society; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Recent actions to remove references to the Tuskegee Airmen and Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) from Air Force curricula in compliance with federal directives threaten to erase the rich and invaluable contributions of these trailblazing service members, making it all the more critical to preserve and honor their legacy; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes the significance of the 332nd Fighter Group, and their historic contributions to World War II. We reaffirm the city's commitment to ensuring their story is preserved and celebrated for generations to come, including the legacy of Brigadier General Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse II, expressing deep gratitude for his leadership and commitment to advancing justice and equality in our City and throughout the world; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council urges local, state, and federal leaders to prioritize the inclusion of diverse historical narratives in educational and training programs, ensuring the sacrifices and achievements of individuals like Brigadier General Woodhouse and The Tuskegee Airmen are never forgotten.

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