

## 2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 734

*Commending Colonel Carl C. Johnson, USA, Ret.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 3, 2021

WHEREAS, Colonel Carl C. Johnson, USA, Ret., a resident of Ashburn, served the United States with distinction as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen at the end of World War II and as an aviator during the Korean War and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Carl Johnson grew up in Bellaire, Ohio, and attended The Ohio State University until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1945; he was assigned to aviation training at Tuskegee Army Airfield in Alabama and was the last cadet to graduate from training programs at the airfield; and

WHEREAS, Carl Johnson served at Enid Army Airfield in Oklahoma, then reported to Lockbourne Army Air Base in Columbus, Ohio, where he joined the 617th Bomber Squadron of the 477th Bombardment Group Composite; and

WHEREAS, Carl Johnson subsequently joined the Ohio National Guard and later flew as an Army aviator in combat during the Korean War and the Vietnam War, where he commanded an aviation battalion of seven companies and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroism; he earned 10 Air Medals over the course of his career; and

WHEREAS, after more than 30 years, Carl Johnson retired from the United States Army, then worked for the United States Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Administration; and

WHEREAS, even after the integration of the United States Armed Forces in 1948, Carl Johnson and his fellow African American service members endured discrimination and overcame numerous challenges to continue serving their country with honor and dignity; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Carl Johnson was one of 300 former Tuskegee Airmen who were collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their bravery, dedication to duty, and outstanding service to the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Colonel Carl C. Johnson, USA, Ret., hereby be commended for his distinguished service as a member of the United States Army; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel Carl C. Johnson, USA, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements.

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