An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) the Portland Housing Authority, of Portland, which on September 28, 2018 is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Since 1943, when it began to develop Sagamore Village, Portland's first Public Housing neighborhood, the authority has developed and managed over 1,000 apartments, administered thousands of HUD rental housing vouchers for lower income families and individuals and provided a wide range of youth and adult programming to improve quality of life and provide greater opportunity for success and self-sufficiency. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 1523

Comes from the House, READ and PASSED.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-2) James A. Sheppard, of Scarborough, the last of the Tuskegee Airmen living in the State. Mr. Sheppard attended Haaren Aviation Technical High School in New York City, graduating in 1942. He enlisted when he heard about an Army Air Corps program preparing African Americans to serve overseas during World War 2. Following basic training, he found himself at Tuskegee Army Air Field, where he was assigned to the 100th Fighter Squadron and trained to maintain the Curtis P-40. Later, with the 301st Fighter Squadron in Europe, he was promoted to Crew Chief overseeing work on P-47s and P-51s. At the war's end, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He worked as an aviation maintenance technician at various airlines in New York City and enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserve, from which he was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant in 1961. From 1957 to 1987, he worked for the Federal Aviation Administration, retiring as the Supervisory Aviation Safety Inspector in the Flight Standards District Office in Portland. In 2007, he participated in the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush to 300 Tuskegee Airmen. In 2009 and 2013, he attended the Presidential Inaugurations as a special guest of President Barack Obama. Mr. Sheppard will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 1522

Comes from the House READ and ADOPTED.