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### **Passing of an American Hero and Public Servant to the Voters of Franklin County**

**(Columbus)** The Franklin County Board of Elections is saddened to learn of the passing last week of Mr. Hilton Carter, one of its own. As a decorated Air Force pilot, Carter was a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen who called Lockbourne Air Force Base their home. Carter continued his service to the country by transferring to Lockbourne Air Force Base, known today as Rickenbacker International Airport, while holding the rank of staff sergeant in 1948.

After being honorably discharged in 1949, Carter served as an Air Force flight engineer for nine years, ultimately deciding to make his home and raise his family in Franklin County. Carter served the public in the offices of Columbus' city auditor and treasurer. Carter also served as the Assistant Deputy Auditor for the State of Ohio.

Carter brought his wealth of knowledge and experience to the Franklin County Board of Elections, serving the county's voters by administering elections.

Carter's long and illustrious career of public service ended at the Franklin County Board of Elections some thirty years ago, but his sacrifices to defend democracy will not be forgotten.

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