Statement in Support of H.B. 204– Designating March 9th as 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day

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My name is Pamela Gregory, and I am the Founder of the National Center for Urban Solutions and the creator of Uplift Her—an initiative dedicated to ensuring that women, youth and seniors especially Black women, are seen, supported, and celebrated in every facet of their lives.

I'm honored to speak in support of the legislation to designate March 9th as 6888th Battalion Day—a long-overdue recognition of the heroic service of the women who made up the only all-Black, all-female battalion deployed overseas during World War II. These women, often forgotten by history, were tasked with an impossible challenge—clearing a massive backlog of mail meant for American soldiers fighting abroad. With limited resources and no fanfare, they delivered—processing over 17 million pieces of mail in just three months. But what they really delivered was hope, connection, and a reminder that someone back home cared.

At NCUS and through Uplift Her, we work every day to continue that legacy. The 6888th paved the way—breaking barriers, pushing past discrimination, and proving what Black women have always known: we are capable, committed, and essential to the success of our communities and this country. Today, we serve women who are the backbone of families, neighborhoods, and cities. We help them know their health numbers, access education, pursue careers, and raise the next generation of leaders.

In honoring the 6888th, we remind every girl and woman in Ohio that their contributions matter—and their stories deserve to be told. I urge you to support this bill not just as a symbol of the past, but as a charge for the future—to continue honoring women who serve with excellence and heart.

Respectfully submitted,

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