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Thomas said he will never accept violence in the community as a social norm and, urged attendees to remain proactive in their quest to end gun violence. At the rally, Thomas provided attendees with crime prevention tips to help safeguard their homes, themselves and their loved ones. He also called for legislative action to stem the flow of illegal guns flowing the community.

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Thomas, who in March 2014 issued a statement by the executive director of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority supporting the project, said the green roof will ensure the new 210,000-square-foot library will be in compliance with the strongest Philadelphia Water Department standards for landscape and building design in the city.

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Then & Now: Reflections on African American Legends in North Philadelphia

In observation of Black History Month, state Rep. W. Curtis Thomas invited area students to learn about local historical and cultural figures, who join a select group of African American leaders, at the Howard Gittis Community Library.

Thomas said he was inspired to host the event in an effort to increase awareness among students, youth and the community at-large about African American legends from the North Philadelphia area.

Attendees were treated to presentations about legendary Civil Rights leader and anti-apartheid activist, Mr. Nelson Mandela; Sullivan Principles; and Cecil B. Moore, former city councilman and civil rights activist.

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During World War II, about 1,000 men participated in the Tuskegee Airmen program, which was established in 1941. The program was created to address the racial discrimination faced by African-American pilots during the war.

Rep. W. Curtis Thomas said he was honored to help celebrate the first African-Americans to fly in the U.S. military on their 75th anniversary. The Tuskegee Airmen were established in March 1941 at the Motion Field airbase in Tuskegee, Ala.

The state House of Representatives unanimously adopted a resolution on the 75th anniversary of the Tuskegee Airmen. The resolution honored the Tuskegee Airmen for their support in acknowledging and uplifting the African-American community.

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The event, which was held to help educate families about the healthy choices that are available to them, was well attended by community members and health advocates alike. “Youth and adults worked together to adapt healthy practices into their daily routine through holistic handwashing and were reminded about the importance of nutrition,” the Eagle’s mascot, Swoop, overheard a special appearance with some Eagles Cheerleaders to the delight of children and football fans of all ages.

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State Rep. W. Curtis Thomas and Rep. Stephen Kinsey (left) welcome former Rhode Island Congressman Patrick Kennedy to the Pennsylvania Capitol. Kennedy is one of the leading political voices in the nation on the issues of drug and alcohol addiction treatment and mental health.

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The state House of Representatives unanimously adopted a resolution co-sponsored by state Reps. W. Curtis Thomas, Stephen Kinsey, and Jake Wheatley to pay tribute to and honor the Tuskegee Airmen on their 75th anniversary.

During World War II about 1,000 men participated, and 304 died fighting in the line of duty, which was only one of the two lost records of any war cosmetic. The Tuskegee Airmen served with special pride in their service. Thomas said he was honored to be able to celebrate the first African-American fighter group in our nation’s history.

The Tuskegee Airmen were established in March 1941 at the Motion Field airbase in Tuskegee, Ala. and 66 were lost in the line of duty, which was one of the lowest loss records of any escort group. Despite the racial injustice present in their own southern states, Americans were subjected to Jim Crow laws that denied them rights that were superior to their European counterparts.

At the time of the Tuskegee Airmen’s service, the U.S. military was racially segregated and African Americans were subjected to Jim Crow laws.

The Tuskegee Airmen are currently holding more than $2.3 billion worth of unclaimed property.

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