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SUBJECT: Mayor issues statement on the passing of Joe Gomer

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[Duluth, MN] - Mayor Don Ness has issued the following statement regarding the recent passing of Joe Gomer.

"Duluth lost a national hero with the passing of Joe Gomer, one of the few remaining Tuskegee Airmen who served in WWII. Joe and his family moved to Duluth in 1963 and have been an integral part of our community ever since. While we mourn, we can also take comfort in knowing that he received the recognition he rightly deserved. Joe was able to witness the unveiling of a life-sized statue at the Duluth International Airport. The Joe Gomer Monument will forever serve as a reminder of Joe's vast contributions to our community and country."