



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2017, Colorado State University celebrates 147 years of providing life-changing educational experiences to more than 180,000 living graduates; and

WHEREAS, each year since 2010 Colorado State University has honored one of its own with the Founders Day medal; and

WHEREAS, the late Lieutenant Colonel John Mosley served as a shining example to all by overcoming prejudice, segregation, and racism to become the first African-American student-athlete at Colorado State University, referred to by historians as “the Jackie Robinson of Colorado State University athletics”; and

WHEREAS, he came to CSU as a National Merit Scholar and valedictorian of his class at Manual High School and distinguished himself as a student leader at CSU, elected to lead the student body by serving two years as vice-president of the student government; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. John Mosley continued to break down barriers by serving as a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen in World War II, also becoming one of the first black pilots to fly bombers during both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. John Mosley went on to live an extraordinary and exemplary life of service to country, his home state of Colorado, and Colorado State University. After retiring from the Air Force in 1970, he served as special assistant to the undersecretary in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington, DC; and worked in the regional office of the Department of Health and Human Services until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col Mosley has been a role model for generations of students, reflected in his induction into the CSU Sports Hall of Fame and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, the creation of the Lt. Col. John Mosley Student-Athlete Mentoring program at CSU, the naming of the Edna and John W. Mosley P-8 school in the Aurora Public Schools; and his receipt of an honorary doctorate of human letters from CSU in 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby recognize the 147th birthday of Colorado State University and celebrate Founders Day Medal honoree

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN MOSLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of February, A.D. 2017.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk