

# Happy Birthday Queen Bess!

## January 26, 1892

Bessie Coleman (January 26, 1892 – April 30, 1926), popularly known as "Queen Bess," was the first African American to earn a pilot's license and the first American citizen to hold an international pilot's license.



**The Bessie Coleman Foundation, Inc. encourages you to celebrate “Happy Birthday Queen Bess” at your school, community, or at home!**

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*"I decided blacks should not have to experience the difficulties I had faced, so I decided to open a flying school and teach other black women to fly". ...Bessie Coleman*