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Ted Lewis ~ Retired Boston Police Officer. I now serve on the Advisory board of WGBH in Boston; a TV producer for both BNN and BAT TV stations, respectively. I was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and was raised and schooled in New York City. NYC was where I was introduced to the US Navy's flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels in 1959 - I have trained from mechanical to aerospace engineering to criminal justice. I realized that I am very fortunate to have done so much in my life and that if a child could realize what I have - how far more better that child might be. I believe each child is the answer to our future and the legacy of our past.



I see the Bessie Coleman legacy as the answer to our future; as Bessie Coleman worked everyday of her life so should we, and what better mechanism we have to move forward than aviation. It's my firm feelings that we need to now, start promoting space flight to our kids. In closing, I am urging President Obama to name the next space shuttle US Bessie Coleman. It is now my life work to keep Bessie Coleman on our hearts and minds: by wearing my Bessie Coleman button, everyday I'm asked who is she? Less we forget we need to say Thank you to Bessie Coleman, especially on her birthday, 26 January 1892 for all she did for Black people, in spite of the fact that she was 130 pounds, and 5'3" in height and a young Black woman: Thank you, Bessie Coleman.