
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 8, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 65th Infantry Regiment for its service and
2 sacrifices in defense of the United States of America during
3 wartime.

4 WHEREAS, The 65th Infantry Regiment hailed from Puerto Rico
5 and its members were known as the Borinqueneers; and

6 WHEREAS, The unit was founded in 1899 and remained a vital
7 part of the United States Armed Forces until 1956, when the
8 regiment was inactivated; and

9 WHEREAS, This distinctive military unit served in multiple
10 conflicts and members were known for their fierce fighting
11 spirit; and

12 WHEREAS, During World War I and in 1943, the Borinqueneers
13 were sent to guard the Panama Canal and in 1944 they were
14 deployed to North Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and the
15 Maritime Alps, where they engaged in their first combat and
16 suffered 47 casualties; and

17 WHEREAS, In Korea, the regiment saw its finest, and gravest,

1 hour when facing off against Chinese soldiers in order to hold
2 open the retreat route from the Chosin Reservoir; and

3 WHEREAS, On February 2, 1951, two battalions of Borinqueneers
4 took part in the last battalion bayonet charge in United States
5 history; and

6 WHEREAS, Puerto Rican soldiers also defended a recuperating
7 United States Army division from infiltrating North Korean
8 soldiers; and

9 WHEREAS, By the time the regiment was inactivated, more than
10 750 Borinqueneers had died and 2,400 had been wounded in the
11 Korean War alone; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1959, the regiment was allotted to the Puerto
13 Rico Army National Guard, where the 1st Battalion, 65th Infantry
14 still serves; and

15 WHEREAS, While defending the United States, these brave
16 soldiers earned 628 Bronze Stars, 258 Silver Stars, 10
17 Distinguished Service Crosses, and more than 2,700 Purple
18 Hearts; and

19 WHEREAS, Their commitment and courage are indeed deserving of
20 this country's praise and gratitude; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby commend
22 the 65th Infantry Regiment for its outstanding dedication and
23 service to the United States Armed Forces; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the
25 regiment as an expression of esteem from the House of
26 Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.