
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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HAHN, DONATUCCI AND McCARTER, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 17, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing 2015 as the "Year of the Borinqueneers" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "The Borinqueneers" is a nickname for the 65th
4 Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division in the United States Army,
5 an all-volunteer Puerto Rican unit that participated in World
6 War I, World War II and the Korean War; and

7 WHEREAS, The nickname was derived from the word borinquen,
8 which means land of the brave lord or land of the pure; and

9 WHEREAS, The unit was founded in 1899 and remained a vital
10 part of the United States Armed Forces until 1956, when the
11 regiment was deactivated; and

12 WHEREAS, This distinctive military unit served in multiple
13 conflicts and its members were known for their fierce fighting
14 spirit; and

15 WHEREAS, In all, 61,000 Puerto Ricans served in the United
16 States Army during the Korean War, many of whom were with the

1 65th Infantry Regiment; and

2 WHEREAS, By the time the regiment was deactivated, more than
3 750 Borinqueneers had died and 2,400 had been wounded in the
4 Korean War alone; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1959, the regiment became the only regular Army
6 unit to have ever been transferred to the National Guard when
7 the regiment's 1st battalion and regimental number were assigned
8 to the Puerto Rico National Guard, which is where the 65th
9 Infantry Regiment still serves; and

10 WHEREAS, During World War II, the regiment earned 2 Silver
11 Stars, 22 Bronze Stars and 90 Purple Hearts and during the
12 Korean War, the Borinqueneers earned 1 Medal of Honor, 10
13 Distinguished Service Crosses, 256 Silver Stars, 606 Bronze
14 Stars and 2,771 Purple Hearts; and

15 WHEREAS, Their commitment and courage are deserving of this
16 country's praise and gratitude; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the 65th
18 Infantry Regiment for its outstanding dedication and service to
19 the United States Armed Forces and recognize 2015 as the "Year
20 of the Borinqueneers" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the
22 regiment as an expression of esteem from the House of
23 Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.