

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to support legislation  
2 that would award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th  
3 Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

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  
18 hour when facing off against Chinese soldiers in order to hold

1 open the retreat route from the Chosin Reservoir; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be submitted to the  
29 Congress of the United States, urging its support of H.Res. 1726  
30 and S.B. 1174, legislation that would award a Congressional Gold

1 Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers,  
2 in recognition of its pioneering military service, devotion to  
3 duty and many acts of valor in the face of adversity.