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Congratulating the Jewish War Veterans on the 130th anniversary of the organization's founding and honoring their commitment to Jewish war veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. COHEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America was founded on March 15, 1896, by 63 Jewish veterans of the Civil War in opposition to antisemitic comments about the lack of Jewish service in the Civil War;

Whereas the Jewish War Veterans of the United States is the longest serving active and one of the most distinguished veterans service organizations in the United States, providing advocacy and support for thousands of Jewish veterans and their families;

Whereas the early goals of the Jewish War Veterans included—

(1) countering antisemitism by addressing antisemitic rhetoric that questioned the patriotism and contributions of Jewish Americans, particularly in the context of the Civil War; and

(2) advocacy to ensure that Jewish veterans received the same rights, benefits, and recognition as their non-Jewish counterparts;

Whereas the Jewish War Veterans work tirelessly to preserve the memory and legacy of those who served in the uniformed services, ensuring that the sacrifices of veterans are honored, including the creation of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History which was congressionally chartered in 1958;

Whereas the Jewish War Veterans have been an active voice in advocating for policies that benefit veterans, including support for military health care, educational benefits, and services for veterans in need;

Whereas the Jewish War Veterans have consistently worked to combat antisemitism and promote tolerance as far back as the 1930s when they led protests and boycotts against Nazi Germany;

Whereas the Jewish War Veterans have been instrumental in the education and remembrance of the Holocaust, ensuring that the lessons of history are passed on to future generations, and remain committed to standing against hate and prejudice in all forms;

Whereas the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, was congressionally chartered in 1984, has a rich legacy of leadership and service, with members who

have served in every major American conflict from the Spanish-American War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and continue to serve as a beacon of pride and resilience in the Jewish-American community;

Whereas 19 Jewish members of the Armed Forces have received the Medal of Honor, including 5 for service during the Civil War, 4 for World War I, 3 for World War II, 2 for the Korean War, and 2 from the Vietnam War. Retired Colonel Jack Jacobs is the only surviving such Medal of Honor recipient and he resides in New Jersey;

Whereas the impact of Jewish War Veterans extends beyond veterans' affairs, with ongoing charitable and community programs, including initiatives to support military families, survivors and caregivers, promote civic engagement, and preserve Jewish history; and

Whereas the Jewish War Veterans continue their legacy of combating antisemitism, hate, and bigotry, both within the uniformed services and in society as a whole, while promoting Jewish patriotism and the rights of not only Jewish veterans, but all veterans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the Jewish War Veterans of
3 the United States on the 130th anniversary of its
4 founding, and recognizes the organization for its un-
5 wavering dedication to the welfare of veterans, the
6 Jewish community, and the Nation;

7 (2) commends the Jewish War Veterans for its
8 continued service to the United States, its contribu-
9 tions to honoring military service, and its commit-

1 ment to upholding the values of justice, equality,
2 and remembrance;

3 (3) affirms the importance of the Jewish War
4 Veterans' ongoing work in ensuring that the sac-
5 rifices of veterans and the lessons of history are
6 never forgotten, and that all Americans benefit from
7 their contributions to society; and

8 (4) encourages the Jewish War Veterans to
9 continue its vital mission and looks forward to its
10 continued success in the years to come.

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