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H. RES. 862

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. BELL, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. VEASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on July 28, 1866, Congress established 6 all-Black regiments, later consolidated to 4, to help rebuild the country after the Civil War and to patrol the remote western frontier during the Indian wars;

Whereas Colonel Charles Young was a Buffalo Soldier and the highest ranking African-American commanding officer in the United States Army from 1894 until his death in 1922;

Whereas more than 200,000 African Americans served in World War I and more than 1,000,000 served in World War II;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers received their name because of the buffalo's fierce bravery and fighting spirit;

Whereas African-American troops accepted the name, Buffalo Soldiers, with pride and honor;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers fought alongside White regiments in many conflicts and were instrumental in the exploration and settlement of western lands;

Whereas, over the 82 years of the Buffalo Soldiers' existence, 23 men received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest recognition awarded by the United States Government for military service;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers ceased to exist in 1948 when President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981 mandating equal treatment and opportunity for African-American servicemen;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers are a significant part of American military history;

Whereas a stamp was issued in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers on April 22, 1994, and this stamp was placed on "off sale" in December 1995; and

Whereas reissuing a postage stamp to honor the Buffalo Soldiers is fitting and proper: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) a commemorative postage stamp should be
4 issued in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers; and

- 1 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
- 2 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
- 3 such a stamp be issued.

