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S. RES. 97

Honoring the Buffalo Soldiers and Colonel Charles Young.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2001

Mr. DEWINE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 23, 2002

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Buffalo Soldiers and Colonel Charles Young.

Whereas the 9th and 10th Horse Cavalry Units, (in this resolution referred to as the ‘Buffalo Soldiers’) have made key contributions to the history of the United States by fighting to defend and protect our Nation;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers maintained the trails and protected the settler communities during the period of westward expansion;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers were among Theodore Roosevelt’s Rough Riders in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, and crossed into Mexico in 1916 under General John J. Pershing;

Whereas African-American men were drafted into the Buffalo Soldiers to serve on harsh terrain and protect the Mexican Border;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers went to North Africa, Iran, and Italy during World War II and served in many positions, including as paratroopers and combat engineers;

Whereas in the face of fear of a Japanese invasion, the Buffalo Soldiers were placed along the rugged border terrain of the Baja Peninsula and protected dams, power stations, and rail lines that were crucial to San Diego's war industries;

Whereas among these American heroes, Colonel Charles Young, of Ripley, Ohio, stands out as a shining example of the dedication, service, and commitment of the Buffalo Soldiers;

Whereas Colonel Charles Young, the third African-American to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, served his distinguished career as a member of the Buffalo Soldiers throughout the world, traveling to the Philippines during the Spanish-American War, Haiti as the first African-American military attache for the United States, Liberia and Mexico as a military attache, Monrovia as advisor to the Liberian government, and several other stations within the borders of the United States, holding commands during most of these tours;

Whereas Colonel Charles Young took a vested interest in the development of African-American youth by serving as an educator, teaching in local high schools and at Wilberforce University in Ohio, and developing a military training ground for African-American enlisted men to help

them achieve officer status for World War I at Fort Huachuca;

Whereas Colonel Charles Young achieved so much in the face of race-based adversity and while he fought a fatal disease, Bright's Disease, which eventually took his life; and

Whereas there are currently 21 existing chapters of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Association, with 20 domestic chapters and 1 in Germany: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the bravery and dedication of the
3 Buffalo Soldiers throughout United States and world
4 history;

5 (2) honors 1 of the Buffalo Soldiers' most dis-
6 tinguished heroes, Colonel Charles Young, for his
7 lifetime achievements; and

8 (3) recognizes the continuing legacy of the Buf-
9 falo Soldiers throughout the world.

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