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H. CON. RES. 321

Honoring the service and achievements of the Women Airforce Service Pilots
during World War II.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the service and achievements of the Women
Airforce Service Pilots during World War II.

Whereas the Army Air Force created the Women's Auxiliary
Ferrying Squadron in September 1942, and later re-
named the unit, Women Airforce Service Pilots;

Whereas members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots were
the first women in United States history trained to fly
military aircraft;

Whereas Women Airforce Service Pilots were sent on non-
combat missions ferrying planes between factories and
Army Air Force installations during World War II;

Whereas 38 brave members of the Women Airforce Service
Pilots gave their lives in the performance of duty for
their country during World War II;

Whereas members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots served valiantly, making the ultimate sacrifice to help their Nation achieve final victory in World War II;

Whereas, although Women Airforce Service Pilots were promised military classification, they were classified as civilians and the 38 women pilots who died in the line of duty were buried without military honors; and

Whereas this wrong was not corrected until 1977 when the Congress formally recognized the service of members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots as active military service, and members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots were made eligible for veterans' benefits: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) honors and recognizes the service and
4 achievements of members of the Women Airforce
5 Service Pilots who served during World War II;

6 (2) encourages all people in the United States
7 to recognize the service and achievements of the
8 Women Airforce Service Pilots on Veterans Day;

9 (3) encourages all people in the United States
10 to learn about the history of the service and achieve-
11 ments of the Women Airforce Service Pilots; and

12 (4) supports groups that raise awareness about
13 the service and achievements of the Women Airforce

- 1 Service Pilots through exhibitions, museums, stat-
- 2 ues, and other appropriate programs and activities.

