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Honoring the African Americans who have served in the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the African Americans who have served in the
Armed Forces.

Whereas in 2004, there were 2,400,000 African American military veterans in the United States who have courageously served in the Armed Forces;

Whereas in 2005, 18.7 percent of the Navy, 22.3 percent of the Army, 14.9 percent of the Air Force, and 11.5 percent of the Marine Corps were comprised of African Americans;

Whereas in 2005, African Americans constituted 11.7 percent of the total adult population (over age 18) of the United States, but 18.1 percent of the total members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas African Americans have recognized the call to duty and have served in the Armed Forces in every war in the

history of the Nation, including Crispus Attucks, a runaway slave who was the first casualty of the American Revolutionary War;

Whereas African Americans in the Armed Forces have faced racial segregation and discrimination in the course of their service to the United States;

Whereas in post-September 11th, 2001, conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, 2,604 United States service members have lost their lives (as of April 1, 2006), of whom 259 were African Americans; and

Whereas because African American members of the Armed Forces have demonstrated competence, skill, and devotion in their service, they have helped bridge the racial divide in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress honors and recognizes the
 3 contribution of African Americans who have served the
 4 United States in the Armed Forces.

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