

H. Res. 415

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

July 30, 2008.

Whereas soldiers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent fought bravely and honorably during the United States Civil War;

Whereas Edward Day Cohota was among the soldiers of Asian descent who fought in the Civil War;

Whereas as a small child, Mr. Cohota stowed away in the ship Cohota, leaving Shanghai, China, in 1845;

Whereas Mr. Cohota enlisted in the 23rd Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry;

Whereas during the Civil War, Mr. Cohota fought valiantly in the fog-bound Battle of Drury's Bluff;

Whereas Mr. Cohota proved his courage at Cold Harbor;

Whereas Mr. Cohota served in the United States Army for 30 years;

Whereas Joseph L. Pierce was also among the soldiers of Asian descent who fought in the Civil War;

Whereas Mr. Pierce enlisted in the 14th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, in 1862;

Whereas Mr. Pierce fought at Antietam and in the Battle of Gettysburg; and

Whereas many of the soldiers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the Civil War, including Edward Day Cohota and Joseph L. Pierce, were denied rightful recognition of their service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes and expresses its appreciation for the courageous and loyal contributions made by soldiers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent during the United States Civil War; and

(2) recognizes and honors the 2 most documented of those soldiers, Edward Day Cohota and Joseph L. Pierce, for their distinguished and dedicated service to preserving and maintaining the Union.

Attest:

Clerk.