

H. Res. 443

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

September 18, 2007.

Whereas the 65th Infantry Regiment, the only Hispanic-segregated unit in United States military history, was mandated by Congress to be comprised primarily of Puerto Ricans;

Whereas the 65th Infantry Regiment became better known as the Borinqueneers from the word Borinquen, the name that the native Taino Indians called Puerto Rico;

Whereas the Borinqueneers, throughout their service in World War I, World War II, and, most notably, the Korean War, served with distinction;

Whereas the Borinqueneers demonstrated their military prowess in Korea and earned the respect and admiration of their fellow soldiers and military authorities, most notably General Douglas MacArthur;

Whereas the Borinqueneers were sent to battle on the front lines in Korea and participated in nine major campaigns during the Korean War;

Whereas the Borinqueneers made valuable contributions to the war effort, including by suffering a tremendous number of casualties that was disproportionate to the population of Puerto Rico;

Whereas the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers earned well-deserved praise, including two United States Presidential Unit Citations, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and two Republic of Korea Unit Citations;

Whereas the 65th Infantry Regiment 1st Battalion continues its fine tradition as an active unit in the Puerto Rico Army National Guard; and

Whereas Puerto Ricans have continued to volunteer freely and serve in the Armed Forces and have served ably during wartime: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- (1) recognizes the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War;
- (2) honors the people of Puerto Rico, who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country; and
- (3) commends all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers.

Attest:

Clerk.