

H. Res. 747

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

March 3, 2010.

Whereas Forbes magazine has named the United States Military Academy at West Point as America's Best College for 2009;

Whereas U.S. News & World Report has named West Point as the Best Public Liberal Arts College in the United States;

Whereas U.S. News & World Report has consistently rated West Point's undergraduate engineering program as among the best in the United States;

Whereas the United States has had a military presence at West Point since the Revolutionary War because of its strategic position overlooking the Hudson River;

Whereas General George Washington selected Thaddeus Kosciuszko to design West Point's fortifications in 1778;

Whereas West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America;

Whereas President Thomas Jefferson established the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1802;

Whereas West Point has educated many of the United States Army's commissioned officers;

Whereas West Point instructs 4,400 cadets per year in academics, military tactics, physical fitness, and leadership—all free of tuition;

Whereas 1,000 cadets graduate each year and are commissioned second lieutenants in the United States Army;

Whereas 2 Presidents of the United States, 74 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, 88 Rhodes Scholars, 33 Marshall Scholars, and 28 Truman Scholars have graduated from West Point;

Whereas, in addition to academics and military training, West Point offers extracurricular activities that include 115 athletic and non-sport clubs and the Eisenhower Hall Theatre; and

Whereas West Point offers a well-rounded, highly regarded education to the next generation of the Nation's leaders: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the United States Military Academy at West Point on being named by Forbes magazine as America's Best College for 2009;

(2) supports West Point's mission "to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army"; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution for appropriate display to the Superintendent of West Point.

Attest:

Clerk.