

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 283

Recognizing and honoring the members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) who are being awarded the AHEPA Medal for Military Service for service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2000

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. KLINK, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. HORN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. LEE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. EVANS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) who are being awarded the AHEPA Medal for Military Service for service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Whereas the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) has provided 78 years of service to Greek-Americans and to American society and is continuing to serve into the twenty-first century through its 20,000 active members in 521 chartered chapters;

Whereas the mission of AHEPA is to promote the ideals of Hellenism, which include philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence;

Whereas since its inception, AHEPA has instilled in its members an understanding of their Hellenic heritage and an awareness of the contributions made to the development of democratic principles and governance in the United States and throughout the world;

Whereas AHEPA has done much throughout its history to foster American patriotism;

Whereas AHEPA has fostered patriotism by raising \$162,000,000 for United States War Bonds during World War II, for which AHEPA was named an official Issuing Agent for United States War Bonds by the United States Treasury Department, an honor that no other civic organization was able to achieve at the time;

Whereas the members of AHEPA have fostered patriotism by donating over \$400,000 collectively toward the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, New York, for which AHEPA received special recognition by the Department of the Interior;

Whereas members of AHEPA and its affiliated organizations, the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena, served in the Armed Forces of the United States to protect American freedom and to preserve those democratic ideals which are part of the Hellenic legacy; and

Whereas on Monday, March 20, 2000, AHEPA is honoring the members of the AHEPA family who are veterans of service in the Armed Services by presenting those members with a special commemorative AHEPA Medal for

Military Service at the 2000 AHEPA Family Biennial Banquet in Washington, District of Columbia: Now, therefore, be it

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

3           (1) joins the American Hellenic Educational  
4       Progressive Association (AHEPA) in recognizing the  
5       members of the AHEPA family whose service as  
6       members of the Armed Forces of the United States  
7       and sacrifices made in such service have contributed  
8       so much to the preservation of freedom for Ameri-  
9       cans and for so many others throughout the world;  
10      and

11          (2) acknowledges the honor with which that  
12      service is being commemorated by the presentation  
13      of the special commemorative AHEPA Medal for  
14      Military Service to those members at the AHEPA  
15      Family Biennial Banquet in Washington, District of  
16      Columbia, on Monday, March 20, 2000.

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