

JOINT RESOLUTION

Supporting the Day of Honor 2000 to honor and recognize the service of minority veterans in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

Whereas World War II was a determining event of the 20th century in that it ensured the preservation and continuation of American democracy;

Whereas the United States called upon all its citizens, including the most oppressed of its citizens, to provide service and sacrifice in that war to achieve the Allied victory over Nazism and fascism;

Whereas the United States citizens who served in that war, many of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives, included more than 1,200,000 African Americans, more than 300,000 Hispanic Americans, more than 50,000 Asian Americans, more than 20,000 Native Americans, more than 6,000 Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, and more than 3,000 Native Alaskans;

Whereas because of invidious discrimination, many of the courageous military activities of these minorities were not reported and honored fully and appropriately until decades after the Allied victory in World War II;

Whereas the motto of the United States, “E Pluribus Unum” (Out of Many, One), promotes our fundamental unity as

Americans and acknowledges our diversity as our greatest strength; and

Whereas the Day of Honor 2000 Project has enlisted communities across the United States to participate in celebrations to honor minority veterans of World War II on May 25, 2000, and throughout the year 2000: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That Congress—

4 (1) commends the African American, Hispanic
 5 American, Asian American, Native American, Native
 6 Hawaiian, Pacific Islanders, Native Alaskan, and
 7 other minority veterans of the United States Armed
 8 Forces who served during World War II;

9 (2) especially honors those minority veterans
 10 who gave their lives in service to the United States
 11 during that war;

12 (3) supports the goals and ideas of the “Day of
 13 Honor 2000” in celebration and recognition of the
 14 extraordinary service of all minority veterans in the
 15 United States Armed Forces during World War II;
 16 and

17 (4) authorizes and requests that the President
 18 issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the

- 1 United States to honor these minority veterans with
- 2 appropriate programs and activities.

Passed the Senate May 18, 2000.

Attest:

Secretary.

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