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Commending the persons who were inducted for service in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, one year after Germany's invasion of Poland in September 1939, the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 was enacted, providing the President the authority to induct up to 900,000 men between the ages of 21 and 36 into the Armed Forces each year;

Whereas, on December 13, 1941, 5 days after the United States entered World War II, that Act was amended to allow for an increase in the number of men authorized to be inducted into the Armed Forces each year;

Whereas, of the 16,112,566 United States uniformed personnel who served during World War II, 10,110,000 were persons who had been inducted into the Armed Forces, sometimes referred to as draftees;

Whereas, after World War II ended in 1945, millions of veterans, including those who had been inducted for service during World War II, returned to civilian life, sought new careers, and enrolled in college;

Whereas the education program established by the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, also referred to as the GI Bill, became the bedrock of the greatest expansion of industrial, commercial, and technological innovation in the history of the Nation;

Whereas the veterans who served during World War II have distinguished themselves in war and peace, earned the Nation's highest honors, and left a legacy unmatched in the Nation's history; and

Whereas June 6, 2004, is a suitable occasion to recognize the persons who were inducted into the Armed Forces for service during World War II because it is the 60th anniversary of D-Day, when tens of thousands of persons who had been inducted into the Armed Forces were among the allied forces that invaded Normandy, France: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress commends the millions of
 3 persons who were inducted into the United States Armed
 4 Forces during World War II and served with great cour-
 5 age and valor to advance the frontiers of freedom around
 6 the world.

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