

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 286

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, authorized the establishment of the Continental Army;

Whereas the collective expression of the pursuit of personal freedom caused the authorization and organization of the United States Army, led to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, and prompted the

codification of the new Nation's basic principles and values in the Constitution;

Whereas for the past 235 years, the United States Army's central mission has been to fight and win wars;

Whereas the 183 campaign streamers from Lexington to Iraqi Surge carried on the Army flag are a testament to the valor, commitment, and sacrifice of the brave members of the United States Army;

Whereas members of the United States Army have won extraordinary distinction and respect for the Nation and its Army stemming from engagement around the globe;

Whereas in 2010, the United States will reflect on the contributions of members of the United States Army on the Korean peninsula in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Korean War;

Whereas the motto on the United States Army seal, "This We'll Defend", is the creed by which the members of the Army live and serve;

Whereas the United States Army is an all-volunteer force that is trained and ready to conduct full spectrum operations in an era of persistent conflict; and

Whereas no matter what the cause, location, or magnitude of future conflicts, the United States can rely on its well-trained, well-led, and highly motivated members of the United States Army to successfully carry out the missions entrusted to them: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 (1) expresses its appreciation to the members of
2 the United States Army for 235 years of dedicated
3 service;

4 (2) honors the valor, commitment, and sacrifice
5 that members of the United States Army, their fam-
6 ilies, and Army civilians have displayed throughout
7 the history of the Army; and

8 (3) calls upon the President to issue a procla-
9 mation—

10 (A) recognizing the 235th birthday of the
11 United States Army and the dedicated service
12 of its members; and

13 (B) calling upon the people of the United
14 States to observe the anniversary with appro-
15 priate ceremonies and activities.

Passed the House of Representatives June 17, 2010.

Attest:

Clerk.

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