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Recognizing the 65th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

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Mr. BRALEY of Iowa (for himself, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. JONES, and Mr. ISSA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 65th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Whereas 2010 marks the 65th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima, in which the United States Marine Corps and other units of the United States Armed Forces captured the island of Iwo Jima during World War II;

Whereas the Battle of Iwo Jima lasted from February 19 to March 26, 1945, and was the most bitter battle in the history of the Marine Corps;

Whereas more than 70,000 Marines participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima;

Whereas 22 Marines, 4 Navy corpsmen, and 1 Navy landing craft commander received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an

enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the United States Armed Forces, for their service during the Battle of Iwo Jima;

Whereas half of those awards were posthumous awards;

Whereas awards for service during the Battle of Iwo Jima represented more than one-fourth of the 80 Congressional Medals of Honor awarded Marines during World War II;

Whereas, in recognition of the particularly treacherous conditions experienced by members of the United States Armed Forces during the Battle of Iwo Jima, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz stated, “Among the Americans who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue”;

Whereas the raising of the American flag over Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945, was witnessed by many Marines all over Iwo Jima and, upon witnessing the sight, United States Navy Secretary James Vincent Forrestal said, “The raising of that flag means a Marine Corps for another five hundred years”;

Whereas Joe Rosenthal’s Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of Marines raising the American flag over Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima produced the most famous and lasting symbol of the courage and determination that brought victory to the United States Armed Forces during World War II;

Whereas the Battle of Iwo Jima was a military victory critical to the assault on Japan, providing a base for American fighter escorts and a way station for bombers raiding Japan;

Whereas the United States success in capturing Iwo Jima was a crucial victory that led to the eventual win of World War II in the Pacific Theatre; and

Whereas 17,372 Marines were wounded and 5,931 Marines made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country in the Battle of Iwo Jima: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 65th anniversary of the Bat-
3 tle of Iwo Jima; and

4 (2) recognizes and commends the members of
5 the United States Marine Corps and all other mem-
6 bers of the United States Armed Forces who partici-
7 pated in the Battle of Iwo Jima for their service and
8 sacrifice, with particular honor and gratitude given
9 to those members of the Armed Forces who gave
10 their lives in defense of the United States and of
11 freedom during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

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