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**S. C. R. No. 31**

**Senators Manning, Tavares**

**Cosponsors: Senators LaRose, Gentile, Jordan, Turner, Cafaro, Burke,  
Gardner, Coley, Eklund, Skindell, Uecker, Jones, Hughes, Brown, Schiavoni,  
Bacon, Peterson, Beagle, Smith**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To recognize the outstanding service of the 65th 1  
Infantry Regiment from Puerto Rico and to urge the 2  
award of a Congressional Gold Medal to the 3  
Regiment. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, In 1898, the United States acquired Puerto Rico in 5  
the Treaty of Paris that ended the Spanish-American War and, by 6  
the following year, Congress had authorized raising a unit of 7  
volunteer soldiers in the newly acquired territory; and 8

WHEREAS, In June 1920, the unit was designated as the "65th 9  
Infantry Regiment, United States Army," and it would serve as the 10  
United States military's last segregated unit composed of Hispanic 11  
soldiers; and 12

WHEREAS, The Regiment participated in World War I, World War 13  
II, and the Korean War; and 14

WHEREAS, During the Korean War, soldiers in the Regiment 15  
earned ten distinguished service crosses, two hundred fifty-six 16  
silver stars, six hundred six bronze stars, and two thousand seven 17

hundred seventy-seven Purple Hearts; and 18

WHEREAS, On April 25, 2013, H.R. 1726 was introduced in the 19  
United States House of Representatives to award a Congressional 20  
Gold Medal to the Regiment; and 21

WHEREAS, On June 18, 2013, S. 1174 was introduced in the 22  
United States Senate to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23  
Regiment; and 24

WHEREAS, The Congressional Gold Medal is among the highest 25  
civilian awards in the United States and is awarded to persons 26  
"who have performed an achievement that has an impact on American 27  
history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major 28  
achievement in the recipient's field long after the achievement"; 29  
and 30

WHEREAS, Veterans of the Regiment should receive recognition 31  
for selflessly giving their time, effort, and lives; and 32

WHEREAS, Ohio is home to more than eleven thousand Hispanic 33  
veterans; now therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly recognizes the 35  
outstanding service of the 65th Infantry Regiment; and be it 36  
further 37

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges the Ohio 38  
Congressional delegation to acknowledge the outstanding service of 39  
the 65th Infantry Regiment and to highlight the Regiment's story 40  
by supporting H.R. 1726 and S. 1174; and be it further 41

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 42  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the members of the Ohio 43  
Congressional delegation and to the news media of Ohio. 44