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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**

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 hundred seventy-seven Purple Hearts; and 17
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WHEREAS, On April 25, 2013, H.R. 1726 was introduced in the United States House of Representatives to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Regiment; and 19
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WHEREAS, On June 18, 2013, S. 1174 was introduced in the United States Senate to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Regiment; and 22
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WHEREAS, The Congressional Gold Medal is among the highest civilian awards in the United States and is awarded to persons "who have performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient's field long after the achievement"; and 25
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WHEREAS, Veterans of the Regiment should receive recognition for selflessly giving their time, effort, and lives; and 31
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WHEREAS, Ohio is home to more than eleven thousand Hispanic veterans; now therefore be it 33
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RESOLVED, That the General Assembly recognizes the outstanding service of the 65th Infantry Regiment; and be it further 35
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RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges the Ohio Congressional delegation to acknowledge the outstanding service of the 65th Infantry Regiment and to highlight the Regiment's story by supporting H.R. 1726 and S. 1174; and be it further 38
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RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation and to the news media of Ohio. 42
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