

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 294

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the integration of the Armed Forces,  
and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 1998

Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. STOKES, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. DIXON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. WYNN, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. CARSON, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FORD, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Ms. LEE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the integration of the  
Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Whereas on July 26, 1948, President Truman issued Executive Order 9981 ordering the integration of the Armed Forces;

Whereas the President stated in the executive order that it was “essential that there be maintained in the armed services of the United States the highest standards of de-

mocracy, with equality of treatment and opportunity for all those who serve in our country’s defense”;

Whereas in the executive order the President declared that “there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin”;

Whereas, soon after the President issued the executive order, United States forces in Korea were integrated, leading the way to a fully integrated army;

Whereas the Armed Forces have used the implementation and enforcement of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as additional tools to eliminate discrimination among their military and civilian personnel;

Whereas in 1998 minorities serve in senior leadership positions throughout the Armed Forces, as officers, as senior non-commissioned officers, and as civilian leaders;

Whereas the Armed Forces have demonstrated a continuing commitment to ensuring the equality of treatment and opportunity for all military and civilian personnel of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas the efforts of the Armed Forces to ensure the equality of treatment and opportunity for their personnel have contributed significantly to the advancement of equality of treatment and opportunity for all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) commends the Armed Forces for their ef-  
4        forts, leadership, and success in providing equality of  
5        treatment and opportunity for their military and ci-

1 vilian personnel without regard to race, color, reli-  
2 gion, or national origin; and

3 (2) recognizes the Department of Defense's  
4 celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the integra-  
5 tion of the Armed Forces.

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