

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 1340

Recognizing the 358th Fighter Group for its outstanding service and bravery during World War II and commending its successor, the 122nd Fighter Wing, for continuing its legacy of excellence in service.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2008

Mr. SOUDER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 358th Fighter Group for its outstanding service and bravery during World War II and commending its successor, the 122nd Fighter Wing, for continuing its legacy of excellence in service.

Whereas the 358th Fighter Group, also known as the Orange Tail, was activated on January 1, 1943;

Whereas in April 1944, the 358th Fighter Group was instrumental in the preparation for the invasion of Normandy;

Whereas 4 Distinguished Unit Citations (DUCs) were awarded to the Orange Tail;

Whereas the first DUC earned was for assisting the 7th Army and defending Allied airfields during an intense German air invasion during December 1944 and January 1945;

Whereas the second DUC was earned for actions that prevented the March 1945 evacuation of German military forces;

Whereas the third DUC was awarded for attacking air fields, assisting Allied armies, and destroying significant German transportation equipment;

Whereas the fourth DUC was given by the French in gratitude for liberation;

Whereas the 358th Fighter Group displayed utmost determination, bravery, and conducted many acts of courage and skill;

Whereas the 358th Fighter Group was inactivated in 1945 and recreated as the 122nd Fighter Wing in 1946 as part of the Indiana Air National Guard, now located in Fort Wayne, Indiana;

Whereas the 122nd Fighter Wing has continued the 358th Fighter Group's honorable legacy, and has been deployed in the Berlin crisis, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, and the Global War on Terror; and

Whereas the 122nd Fighter Wing has continued the excellent service which was exemplary in the 358th Fighter Group, and has been awarded four Air Force Outstanding Unit awards: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the 358th Fighter Group for its outstanding service and
- 3 bravery during World War II, and commends its suc-

1 cessor, the 122nd Fighter Wing, for continuing its legacy  
2 of excellence in service.

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