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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY ABDUL-SAMAD, FORD, H. MILLER,
1 3 BERRY, BURT, and THEDE
1 4 A Resolution honoring Iowa's women military veterans.
1 5 WHEREAS, since the Revolutionary War, over 2.5
1 6 million women have served in the United States Armed
1 7 Forces; and
1 8 WHEREAS, during the Civil War, Spanish-American
1 9 War, and World War I, while their husbands and fathers
1 10 were in the Army, Iowa women ran the farms and the
1 11 stores, sent food and medicine to wounded soldiers,
1 12 and cared for wounded and sick soldiers; and
1 13 WHEREAS, during the second World War, Fort Des
1 14 Moines hosted the formation and first training center
1 15 for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, later renamed
1 16 the Women's Army Corps, training 72,000 troops and
1 17 commissioning the first female officers for noncombat
1 18 duty between 1942 and 1945; and
1 19 WHEREAS, Fort Des Moines produced 118 black female
1 20 officers and 3,656 black enlisted women by war's end,
1 21 representing 4 percent of all Women's Army Corps
1 22 troops; and
1 23 WHEREAS, the women who trained at Fort Des Moines
1 24 were the first women other than nurses to serve within
1 25 the ranks of the United States Army; and
1 26 WHEREAS, over 150,000 American women served in the
1 27 Women's Army Corps during World War II, freeing
1 28 250,000 male soldiers for combat duty in Europe and
1 29 the South Pacific and helping in a large way to make
1 30 the war effort successful; and
2 1 WHEREAS, thousands of Iowa women were deployed
2 2 during the Vietnam War and Operations Desert Shield
2 3 and Desert Storm and served stateside in essential
2 4 mission support roles; and
2 5 WHEREAS, over 14,500 Iowa women continue to serve
2 6 their country in ever increasing numbers; and
2 7 WHEREAS, Iowa women have fulfilled the promise that
2 8 began at Fort Des Moines by attaining high ranks in
2 9 the military, including two Iowa women serving as
2 10 Brigadier Generals, Janet Phipps and State
2 11 Representative Jodi Tymeson; and
2 12 WHEREAS, over 14,000 women veterans make Iowa their
2 13 home today, and the Fort Des Moines Museum, which has
2 14 been open for five years, preserves and tells the
2 15 story of the women pioneers of Fort Des Moines; NOW
2 16 THEREFORE,
2 17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 18 That the House of Representatives recognizes and
2 19 honors the service and achievements of women veterans
2 20 of Iowa, thanks them for their service to the United
2 21 States of America and to Iowa, and encourages all
2 22 Iowans to recognize the contributions of women, past
2 23 and present, in the armed forces.
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