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President

The Honorable Bill Posey  
United States House of Representatives  
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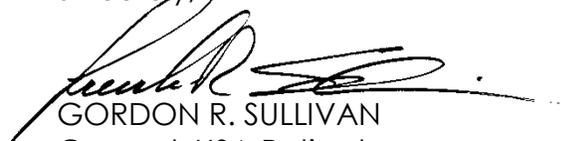
Dear Representative Posey:

On behalf of the members of the Association of the United States Army, I write to add our support for HR 1726 (S. 1174), which would award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. That regiment, known as the Borinqueneers, was the only Hispanic-segregated active duty unit in the United States Armed Forces and served with distinction in both world wars and the Korean War.

During the Korean War, the unit participated in nine major campaigns and earned two Presidential Unit Citations, a Meritorious Unit Commendation and two Republic of Korea Unit Citations. More than 3,000 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Soldiers were wounded, including over 700 killed. Over the span of the two world wars and Korea, individual unit members earned ten Distinguished Service Crosses, 258 Silver Stars, 628 Bronze Stars, and over 2700 Purple Hearts.

I urge Congress to recognize the service and sacrifice of this unique unit which has endured the hardships of segregation, discrimination, language and cultural barriers while serving this nation.

Sincerely,



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