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The Honorable Bill Posey  
120 Cannon House Office Building  
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Honorable Bill Posey:

The Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association, the oldest law enforcement association in the United States, dedicated to the advancement, promotion and mentoring of our nations Hispanic law enforcement leaders, wishes to endorse the selection of the United States 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, the *Borinqueneers*, with the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award given by the United States Congress and is awarded as an expression of public gratitude on behalf of a grateful nation for distinguished contributions.

The *Borinqueneers*, created by an Act of Congress in 1899, as the only Hispanic-segregated Active Duty unit in the US Armed Forces went on to play a prominent role in American military history. This unit has earned two Presidential Unit Citations, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, 9 Korean battle campaign awards, 2 Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations and the Greek Gold Medal for Bravery.

The *Borinqueneers* served in WWI, WWII and the War in Korea. Today they continue as the National Guard in Puerto Rico and continuing serving in our national defense in the War on Terrorism.

The Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association believe that it is now time for the United States Congress to recognize the *Borinqueneers* for their service, their sacrifice, and their bravery with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Sincerely,

Anthony Chapa  
Executive Director

cc: Frank Medina, National Chair  
Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance