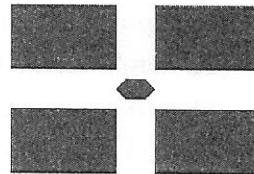




GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO  
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PATILLAS, PUERTO RICO



RESOLUTION NUM. 15

SERIAL 2013-2014

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PATILLAS, PUERTO RICO TO PETITION THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES TO ISSUE THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE 65<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY MILITARY REGIMENT OF PUERTO RICO.

### PETITION

The 65th Infantry Regiment, known as "The Borinqueneers", were formed in Puerto Rico in 1899 by the U.S. Congress as a segregated military unit composed of soldiers and some recruits primarily Puerto Rican and other Latino officials.

Puerto Ricans have a special place in the history of the U.S. military. When called to the frontlines in the Korean Conflict, 65th men stood impressively, receiving praise from American General Douglas MacArthur. They fought bravely and many died as members of these segregated units that participated in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean Conflict. During the Korean War, 750 soldiers from the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry were missing in action and another 100 disappeared. They were arguably the largest Latino unit and at that time were the most segregated in its class.

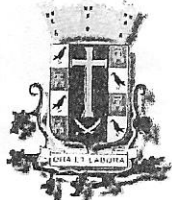
The "Borinqueneers" were the largest bayonet battalion in the history of the U.S. Army; they are attributed the final assault. It was in early 1951, while maintaining the fighting in Korea, two battalions of the 65th fixed bayonets stormed straight to the enemy, dominating them in achieving their strategic position.

Mr. Larry Bystran columnist was quoted by Fox News Latino on January 8, 2013 the words of General Douglas MacArthur: **"The Puerto Ricans forming the ranks of the gallant 65th Infantry, gave daily proof on the battlefields of Korea of their courage, determination and resolute will to victory, their invincible loyalty to the United States, and his fervent devotion to the immutable principles of human relations; which the American continent and Puerto Rico have in common. They are writing a brilliant record of heroism in battle and I'm really proud of them under my command. I wish we could count on many more like them. "**

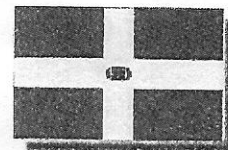
As was established by an Act of Congress on March 2nd, 1899, the 65th Infantry Regiment was the only Hispanic segregated unit of the Armed Forces of the United States that had prominent performance in American military history by participating in wars where this government was involved.

Of all the honors that Congress can vest, the awarding of a Gold Medal is considered the most distinguished of all. The medal has been invested to other minority veterans





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