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Whereas on July 26, 1948, President Truman issued Executive Order 9981 ordering the integration of the Armed Forces;

Whereas the President stated 50 years ago in the executive order that it was “essential that there be maintained in the armed services of the United States the highest standards of democracy, with equality of treatment and

opportunity for all those who serve in our country's defense";

Whereas in the executive order the President declared that "there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin";

Whereas, soon after the President issued the executive order, United States forces in Korea were integrated, leading the way to a fully integrated army;

Whereas the Armed Forces have used the implementation and enforcement of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as additional tools to eliminate discrimination among their military and civilian personnel;

Whereas in 1998 minorities serve in senior leadership positions throughout the Armed Forces, as officers, as senior non-commissioned officers, and as civilian leaders;

Whereas the Armed Forces have demonstrated a continuing commitment to ensuring the equality of treatment and opportunity for all military and civilian personnel of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas the efforts of the Armed Forces to ensure the equality of treatment and opportunity for their personnel have contributed significantly to the advancement of equality of treatment and opportunity for all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress commends the Armed
 3 Forces for their efforts, leadership, and success in provid-
 4 ing equality of treatment and opportunity for their mili-

- 1 tary and civilian personnel without regard to race, color,
- 2 religion, or national origin.

Passed the House of Representatives July 29, 1998.

Attest:

Clerk.