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Honoring the life, service, and accomplishments of General Robert H. Barrow, United States Marine Corps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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RESOLUTION

Honoring the life, service, and accomplishments of General Robert H. Barrow, United States Marine Corps.

Whereas General Robert H. Barrow was born on February 5, 1922, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana;

Whereas General Barrow enrolled at Louisiana State University in 1939, but left school in 1942 to enlist in the United States Marine Corps;

Whereas General Barrow graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1943 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps;

Whereas General Barrow, during World War II, led an American team serving with Chinese guerilla forces for which he was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V;

Whereas General Barrow, during the Korean War, led his company ashore at Inchon in September 1950, was awarded the Silver Star after fighting in the vicinity of Seoul, Korea, and was awarded the Navy Cross for actions during the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in December 1950;

Whereas General Barrow, during the Vietnam War, commanded a regiment that conducted a series of highly successful operations and received the Army Distinguished Service Cross for his valor during Operation Dewey Canyon in 1969;

Whereas General Barrow, in 1979, was confirmed as Commandant of the Marine Corps;

Whereas General Barrow was the first Marine to serve a regular four-year tour as a full member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during which he responded aggressively to racial tension in the Marine Corps, ended tolerance of drug abusers and problem drinkers, and gave commanders the authority to discharge Marines who created recurring problems;

Whereas General Barrow retired from the Marine Corps in 1983, returning to St. Francisville, Louisiana, but continued to serve the United States in retirement as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on Defense Management (the Packard Commission);

Whereas General Barrow's decorations include the Navy Cross, the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star Medal, three Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star

Medal with Combat V and Gold Star in lieu of a second award, and the Combat Action Ribbon;

Whereas General Barrow graduated from the University of Maryland, attended graduate school at Tulane University, is a graduate of the National War College, and holds honorary doctorates from Tulane University, Louisiana State University, and The Citadel;

Whereas General Barrow passed away on October 30, 2008; and

Whereas General Barrow had a tremendous and positive impact on the Marine Corps: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors General Robert H. Barrow for his service of over 41 years to the United States;

(2) commends General Barrow for his dedication and commitment to excellence as a Marine and leader of Marines; and

(3) recognizes General Barrow as a Marine and leader of Marines for displaying the highest levels of leadership, professional competence, integrity, and moral courage throughout his distinguished military service.

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