

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4658, by Representative Bateman

1 WHEREAS, The Women's Army Corps (WAC) was the women's branch of
2 the United States Army, created as an auxiliary unit in May of 1942
3 and converted to full status as the WAC in 1943; and

4 WHEREAS, These women faced opposition by both the conservative
5 leadership of the Army and general public opinion; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 150,000 American women served in World War
7 II, the first women, other than nurses, to serve in the Army; and

8 WHEREAS, These groundbreaking women were highly valued by
9 generals such as General Douglas MacArthur and General Dwight
10 Eisenhower who said, "their contributions in efficiency, skill,
11 spirit and determination are immeasurable"; and

12 WHEREAS, Other branches of the United States military had women's
13 units including the Navy (WAVES), the Coast Guard (SPARS), the
14 (civilian) Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), and Women in Air
15 Force (WAF); and

16 WHEREAS, The WAC disbanded in 1978, allowing women to serve in
17 the same units alongside the men; and

18 WHEREAS, Women have only been allowed in or near combat
19 situations since 1994, when United States Defense Secretary Les Aspin
20 ordered the removal of "substantial risk of capture" from the list of
21 grounds for excluding women from certain military units; and

22 WHEREAS, Women who served our country through these long years
23 deserve our respect and gratitude both for their contributions to our

1 military and for the furtherance of women's rights and equality in
2 the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, June 12, 2022, will mark the 74th anniversary of the
4 groundbreaking Women's Armed Services Integration Act, signed into
5 law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
7 join in acknowledging the anniversary of this day in recognition of
8 the courageous service of women in the military.

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10 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
11 Resolution 4658 adopted by the House of Representatives
12 February 25, 2022

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk