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S. RES. 399

Expressing support for the American GI Forum.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the American GI Forum.

Whereas millions of Hispanic veterans returning home from World War II were segregated from other veterans groups and wrongfully denied services by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

Whereas in response to such inequities, Hector P. Garcia, a United States Army veteran and physician from Corpus Christi, Texas, founded the American GI Forum (AGIF) on March 26, 1948;

Whereas the motto of AGIF is “Education is our Freedom and Freedom Should be Everybody’s Business”;

Whereas in 1998, AGIF was granted a Federal charter pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 105–231);

Whereas one of the purposes stated in the AGIF charter is “fostering and enlarging equal educational opportunities,

equal economic opportunities, equal justice under the law, and equal political opportunities for all United States citizens, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin”;

Whereas the flagship Veterans Service Center of the AGIF National Veterans Outreach Program is based in San Antonio, Texas, and provides a “continuum of care” to veterans in need, including employment training, counseling, and a homeless veterans reintegration program;

Whereas the AGIF Residential Center for Homeless Veterans has 80 transitional beds and 60 single-room apartments dedicated to the needs of our Nation’s homeless veterans;

Whereas AGIF is now the largest federally chartered Hispanic veterans organization in the United States, with chapters in 40 States and Puerto Rico; and

Whereas AGIF continues to be a beacon of hope and an avenue for community involvement for returning veterans:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports and commends the mission, goals,
3 and ideals of the American GI Forum and its mem-
4 bers; and

5 (2) encourages others to join with the American
6 GI Forum to ensure that veterans are never again
7 denied the benefits they have earned through their
8 service.

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