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House Resolution 1129

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Frazier of the 126th, Glanton of the 75th, Mayo of the 84th, Williams of the 87th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the mustering out of the 136th and 138th
- 2 regiments of the United States Colored Infantry; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the 136th and 138th regiments of the United States Colored Infantry were
- 4 organized in Atlanta, Georgia, and trained within 100 yards of where the Atlanta History
- 5 Center is today; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the 136th and 138th regiments of the United States Colored Infantry were two
- 7 of 175 United States colored regiments comprising more than 178,000 freed slaves and
- 8 freedmen and constituting one-tenth of the Union Army, and they served during the last two
- 9 years of the American Civil War; and
- 10 WHEREAS, these regiments included infantry, cavalry engineers, and light artillery and
- 11 heavy artillery units that were recruited from all states; and
- WHEREAS, the United States colored troops suffered 2,751 combat casualties and 68,178
- 13 losses from all causes during the war; and
- 14 WHEREAS, of the 3,486 freed slaves and freedmen from Georgia, 1,837 men served in the
- 15 136th and 138th regiments of the United States Colored Infantry; and
- 16 WHEREAS, 123 men died in service and are buried in the Marietta National Cemetery along
- with 10,189 other men who died in the campaign for Atlanta.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 19 the members of this body commemorate the 150th anniversary of the mustering out of the
- 20 136th and 138th regiments of the United States Colored Infantry.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

22 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the

public and the press.