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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing 2015 as the "Year of the Borinqueneers" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "The Borinqueneers" is a nickname for the 65th
4 Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division in the United States Army,
5 an all-volunteer Puerto Rican unit that participated in World
6 War I, World War II and the Korean War; and

7 WHEREAS, The nickname was derived from the original Taino
8 indigenous name of the island of Puerto Rico, Borinquen, meaning
9 "land of the brave lord"; and

10 WHEREAS, The unit was founded in 1899 and remained a vital
11 part of the United States Armed Forces until 1956, when the
12 regiment was deactivated; and

13 WHEREAS, This distinctive military unit, the only active,
14 all-Latino military unit in the history of the United States,
15 was known for its members' fierce fighting spirit; and

16 WHEREAS, In all, 61,000 Puerto Ricans served in the United
17 States Army during the Korean War, many of whom were with the

1 65th Infantry Regiment; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1959, the regiment became the only regular Army
3 unit to have ever been transferred to the National Guard when
4 the regiment's 1st battalion and regimental number were assigned
5 to the Puerto Rico National Guard, which is where the 65th
6 Infantry Regiment still serves; and

7 WHEREAS, During World War II, the regiment earned 2 Silver
8 Stars, 22 Bronze Stars and 90 Purple Hearts and during the
9 Korean War, the Borinqueneers earned 1 Medal of Honor, 10
10 Distinguished Service Crosses, 256 Silver Stars, 606 Bronze
11 Stars and 2,771 Purple Hearts; and

12 WHEREAS, The unit's gallant service is exemplified by its
13 motto, "honor and fidelity"; and

14 WHEREAS, The Borinqueneers' commitment and courage are
15 deserving of the praise and gratitude of the residents of this
16 Commonwealth; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize 2015 as the "Year of the
18 Borinqueneers" in Pennsylvania.