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# H. RES. 1262

Celebrating the centennial of the U.S. Border Patrol.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. GUEST, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. GARBARINO, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. EZELL, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. STRONG, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. CRANE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## RESOLUTION

Celebrating the centennial of the U.S. Border Patrol.

Whereas, on May 28, 1924, the U.S. Border Patrol was established pursuant to an Act entitled “Making appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice and for the Judiciary, and for the Departments of Commerce and Labor, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, and for other purposes” (chapter 204 of Public Law 68–153);

Whereas the U.S. Border Patrol was created within the Bureau of Immigration for the purpose of enforcing the laws regulating immigration of aliens into the United States and securing the borders between ports of entry;

Whereas, on June 2, 1924, the first U.S. Border Patrol station opened in Detroit, Michigan;

Whereas, on July 1, 1924, the first U.S. Border Patrol station on the southwest border opened in El Paso, Texas;

Whereas, on February 27, 1925, Congress expanded the U.S. Border Patrol's mission to include conducting coast and land-patrol operations in Florida and the Gulf Coast;

Whereas, in May 1941, the U.S. Border Patrol began air patrols, marking the official start of the U.S. Border Patrol Air Operations;

Whereas, on July 31, 1975, Christine Gee, Gail Durand, Doris H. Griffin, and Leslie A. Mullins became the first female Border Patrol agents when they graduated with the 107th session of the U.S. Border Patrol Academy;

Whereas, on May 6, 1984, the Border Patrol Tactical Unit was established, which provides immediate response capability to emergent and high-risk incidents requiring specialized skills and tactics;

Whereas, in 1986, the U.S. Border Patrol canine program was established, with canines trained to detect controlled substances and human trafficking;

Whereas, in 1992, the U.S. Border Patrol Canine Academy opened in Fort Bliss, Texas;

Whereas, on June 16, 1998, the Border Patrol Search Trauma and Rescue unit was established, serving as the only national law enforcement search and rescue entity with the capability to conduct tactical, medical, search, and rescue training for Federal, State, local, and international government agencies;

Whereas, on March 1, 2003, the U.S. Border Patrol was placed under the newly established Department of Homeland Security;

Whereas, in 2006, Border Patrol agents, assisted by a U.S. Border Patrol canine, made the first known seizure of fentanyl by Federal law enforcement;

Whereas, on August 9, 2018, Carla Provost was named the first female Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol;

Whereas the U.S. Border Patrol recorded more than 57 million apprehensions since 1925;

Whereas the U.S. Border Patrol has recorded more than 125,000 rescues at the southwest border since 1999; and

Whereas 155 U.S. Border Patrol agents have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty since 1919: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) commemorates the U.S. Border Patrol's  
3       100 years of commitment and dedication to safe-  
4       guarding the United States by securing and pro-  
5       tecting its borders for the American people;

6           (2) honors the service and sacrifices of the tens  
7       of thousands of men and women of the U.S. Border  
8       Patrol and their families, past and present;

9           (3) acknowledges the courage and determina-  
10      tion demonstrated by Border Patrol agents through  
11      overwhelming challenges and the current historic  
12      border crisis;

1           (4) commits its unwavering support to the  
2 wellness and wellbeing of the men and women on the  
3 front lines; and

4           (5) recommends designation and recognition of  
5 a National U.S. Border Patrol Day.

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