

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
In the City Council April 5, 2010

WHEREAS, the 65th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed "The Borinqueneers", was the only all-Hispanic unit in the history of the United States Army, and

WHEREAS, the Borinqueneers displayed valiant and meritorious service in World War I, World War II and the Korean War, and

WHEREAS, during the Korean War, the 65th Infantry Regiment earned praise from General MacArthur, participated in nine major campaigns and was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, a Meritorious Unit Commendation and two Republic of Korea Units citations, and

WHEREAS, individual members of the unit during the Korean War earned ten Distinguished Service Crosses, 163 Silver Stars and 421 Bronze Stars, and

WHEREAS, in 1956, the Borinqueneers became the last segregated unit to be deactivated and became the only unit ever to be transferred from an active United States Army component to the Puerto Rican National Guard, and

WHEREAS, since inception of the unit, more than 20,000 Puerto Ricans have served as Borinqueneers, but their contributions and sacrifices have gone largely unnoticed by the country at large,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield City Council strongly urges the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee and the United States Postmaster General to issue a United States postal stamp honoring the heroism of the "Borinqueneers" of the 65th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, the only all-Hispanic unit in the history of the United States Army.

A true copy of a Resolve passed by the City Council on April 5, 2010
and approved by the Mayor on April 6, 2010.

Attest:



City Clerk