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Dear Postmaster Donahoe and Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee Members,

As a member of Congress, I would like to express my support for the issuance of a stamp commemorating the heroism of "The Borinqueneers" of the 65th Infantry Regiment, an all-Puerto Rican segregated unit created in 1899 by Congress.

Called upon to serve in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, the Borinqueneers have consistently shown exceptional and unyielding valor on the battlefield despite the hardships they lived under. As a unit, they earned a Presidential Unit Citation, a Meritorious Unit Commendation and two Republic of Korea Unit Citations, including personal praise from General MacArthur when they were called to the front lines of the Korean War. Individuals within the regiment were also awarded Distinguished Service Crosses, Silver Stars and Bronze Stars.

As the stamp committee evaluates this application and the criteria required for awarding stamp commemorations, I would encourage the Committee to consider the Borinqueneers' endurance of segregation along with their singular achievements abroad in defense of the United States. While I understand that the Stamp Committee generally refrains from awarding commemoration to individual units, I urge the Committee to meet and work with their supporters to see if there is a way to honor their achievements.

Thank you for reviewing my request to honor the Borinqueneers of the 65th Infantry Regiment and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Bill Posey
Member of Congress