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*Whereas, Women are an essential part of the United States military and the profession of arms, having served throughout the history of the United States of America;*

*Whereas, Many women, unable to serve lawfully in the profession of arms, provided critical support to the United States Army during the American Revolutionary War as nurses, seamstresses, and cooks;*

*Whereas, The U.S. Army reports that women did fight alongside their husbands in combat or disguised themselves as men in order to serve, and women took an active role providing the military with intelligence on enemy troop movements throughout the colonies and along the frontier;*

*Whereas, The U.S. Army reports that women served once again during the Civil War in critical roles as nurses and aides in addition to an estimated 400 women who secretly enlisted as soldiers to fight in the Union or Confederate armies;*

*Whereas, The U.S. Army established a permanent Nurse Corps in 1901, recognizing the skilled role of nurses in the military, especially during the Spanish-American War and an outbreak of typhoid fever, during which an estimated 1,500 contract nurses served in Army and Navy general hospitals and throughout the Northern Hemisphere during the war effort;*

*Whereas, An estimated 25,000 women between the ages of 21*

*and 69 served oversees during World War I and the role of women in the military increased in the Army, Navy, and Marines as World War II, and the United States' involvement, began in earnest;*

*Whereas, More than 60,000 Army nurses served around the world, with an estimated 140,000 women serving in the U.S. Army and the Women's Army Corps during World War II;*

*Whereas, The U.S. Army reports that more than 1,000 women flew aircraft for the Women's Airforce Service Pilots during that same period;*

*Whereas, The role of women in the United States military and their voluntary service continued to grow over the decades, especially in nursing, and an estimated 170,000 women served on active duty by 1980 according to the Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation;*

*Whereas, The United States, acknowledging the value and strength of women in the military, offered females the opportunity to serve in combat roles throughout the armed forces in 2015; and*

*Whereas, Women today serve and fight alongside their fellow soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines on behalf of the United States of America: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
*of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
*the Senate concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Indiana's women veterans for their service to the state of Indiana and United States of America.

SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly joins all Hoosiers in celebrating Indiana's women veterans on June 12, 2020.

SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the office of State Representative Chuck Goodrich for distribution.