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# H. CON. RES. 127

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2016

Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Ms. HAHN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CLEAVER, and Ms. NORTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on July 28, 1866, Congress established six all-Black regiments, later consolidated to four, to help rebuild the country after the Civil War and to patrol the remote western frontier during the Indian wars;

Whereas Colonel Charles Young was a Buffalo Soldier and the highest ranking African-American commanding officer in the United States Army from 1894 until his death in 1922;

Whereas more than 200,000 African-Americans served in World War I and more than 1 million served in World War II;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers received their name because of the buffalo's fierce bravery and fighting spirit;

Whereas African-American troops accepted the name, Buffalo Soldiers, with pride and honor;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers fought alongside White regiments in many conflicts and were instrumental in the exploration and settlement of western lands;

Whereas, over the 82 years of the Buffalo Soldiers' existence, 23 men received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest recognition awarded by the United States Government for military service;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers ceased to exist in 1948 when President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981 mandating equal treatment and opportunity for African-American servicemen;

Whereas the Buffalo Soldiers are a significant part of American military history;

Whereas a stamp was issued in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers on April 22, 1994, and this stamp was placed on "off sale" in December 1995; and

Whereas reissuing a postage stamp to honor the Buffalo Soldiers is fitting and proper: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3            (1) a commemorative postage stamp should be  
4            issued in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers; and

1           (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
2           should recommend to the Postmaster General that  
3           such a stamp be issued.

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