



# City of Chicago



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Burke, Edward M. (14)  
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Mell, Richard F. (33)  
Colón, Rey (35)  
Sposato, Nicholas (36)

**Type:**

Resolution

**Title:**

Gratitude extended to 65th Infantry Regiment (the Borinqueneers) and call upon United States Congress and the President of the United States to award the Borinqueneers of the U.S. 65th Infantry Regiment the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, The United States 65th Infantry Regiment (Borinqueneers) traces its' lineage from the first U.S. Infantry Battalion of native Puerto Rico Volunteer Troops authorized by Congress in 1899; and,

**WHEREAS**, During World War I, the Selective Service Draft law was extended to include Puerto Rico and the U.S. 65th Infantry went to war and defended the Panama Canal; and,

**WHEREAS**, During World War II, the U.S. 65th Infantry Regiment gallantly served in North Africa and Europe combat and won the following Battle Campaign Awards: Naples-Foggian, Rome-Arno, Central Europe, and Rhineland Campaigns. After the war, the U.S. 65th Infantry Regiment was assigned dangerous security, anti-sabotage and other occupation missions around Kaiserslautern & Mannheim, Germany. The 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry were among the last units to come home; and,

**WHEREAS**, During the Korean War, the U.S. 65th Infantry Regiment distinguished themselves over a three year period by receiving nine Korean Battle Campaign Awards, the Presidential and Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Korean Presidential Unit Citations, the Greek Gold Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, and many other awards for bravery; and,

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. 65th Infantry Regiment was awarded 9 Battle Campaign Awards for bravery: UN Defense-1950, UN Offense-1950, CCF Intervention-1950, First UN Counterattack Offensive-1951, UN and CCF Spring Offensive-1951, UN Summer-Fall Offensive-1951, 2nd Korean Winter 1951-52, Korean Summer-Fall-1952 and 3rd Korean Winter-1952-53; and,

**WHEREAS**, Over the span of World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, the U.S. 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment earned ten Distinguished Service Crosses, 258 Silver Stars, 628 Bronze Stars, over 2,700 Purple Hearts, and many other individual awards; and,

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. 65th Infantry Regiment (Borinqueneers) Colors were passed to the United States Territory of Puerto Rico National Guard in 1959 (which today is fighting in the World War on Terrorism). This is the only time in US Army History that Active Unit Colors were not retired, but, turned over to a National Guard Unit; and,

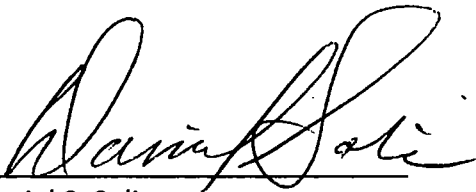
**WHEREAS**, The Borinqueneers selflessly served and sacrificed; shed blood for our democracy; ensured our prosperity as they faced segregation, discrimination, and unequal American Citizenship, but, the "Borinqueneers" always loyally protected our Nation; made invaluable contributions to our beloved USA as Military and Civilian Leaders and Workers; nobly fought for the good of all; and,

**WHEREAS**, Major achievements are attributed to many of those who returned to civilian life and earned leadership positions and respect as businessmen, corporate executives, religious leaders, lawyers, doctors, educators, bankers, and political leaders; and,

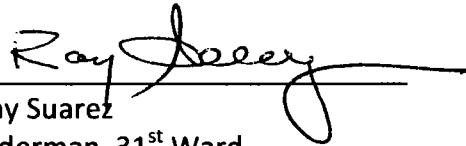
**WHEREAS,** These brave Borinqueneers deserve a place with all American Heroes-- should be honored, commended, and never forgotten for their great epic feats; and now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this fifth day of June 2013 AD, do hereby recognize the U.S. 65th Infantry Regiment (The Borinqueneers) for their painful sacrifices; selfless service; gallantry in battle; great contributions, and steadfast loyalty for the good of our beloved City of Chicago, State of Illinois and United States of America, and recommend the US Congress and the President of the USA award the Borinqueneers of the US 65th Infantry Regiment the US Congressional Gold Medal (CGM); and,

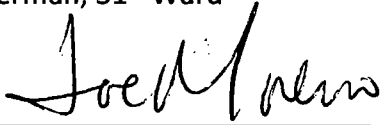
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that suitable copies of this resolution shall be prepared and transmitted to the President of the United States, members of the Illinois Congressional delegation, Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner, President US 65th Veterans' Association, the Chairman of the Borinqueneers CGM Alliance, and the Puerto Rican Agenda Committee.



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Alderman, 25<sup>th</sup> Ward



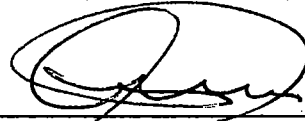
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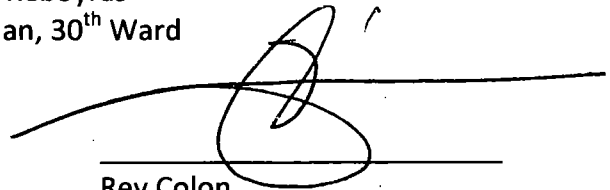
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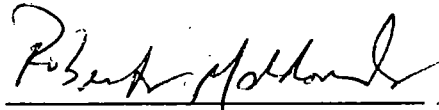
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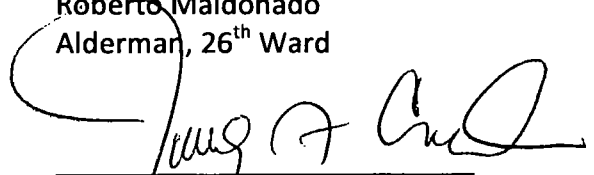
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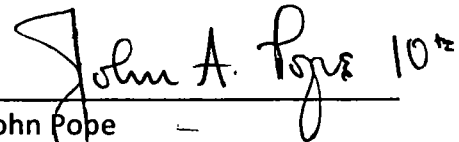
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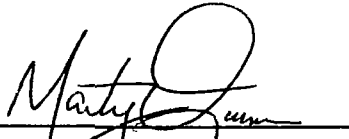
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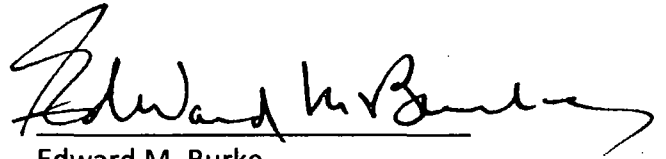
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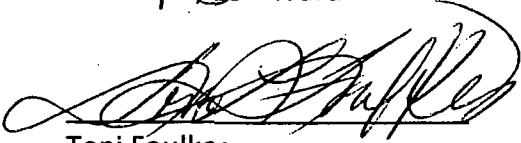
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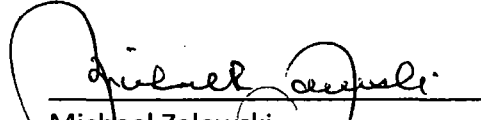
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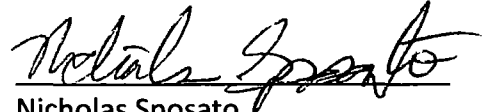
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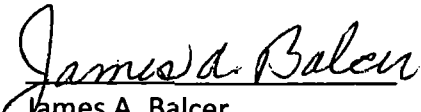
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