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H.Con.Res.67 —Honoring the soldiers of the Army's Black Corps of Engineers for their contributions in constructing the Alaska-Canada highway during World War II and recognizing the importance of these contributions to the subsequent integration of the military

Summary of the Bill Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 0

Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

H.Con.Res.67 —Honoring the soldiers of the Army's Black Corps of Engineers for their contributions in constructing the Alaska-Canada highway during World War II and recognizing the importance of these contributions to the subsequent integration of the military (*Eddie Bernice Johnson*)

Order of Business: The concurrent resolution is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, February 17, 2005 under a unanimous consent request.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 67 has 11 findings and resolves:

“That Congress honors the soldiers of the Army’s Black Corps of Engineers for their contributions in constructing the Alaska-Canada highway during World War II and recognizes the importance of these contributions to the subsequent integration of the military.”

Additional Information: On February 11, 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt authorized the construction of the Alaska-Canada Highway, to help bolster the country's Western Defense during World War II. The 1,522-mile long road from Dawson Creek, Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska was constructed through rugged, unmapped wilderness and extreme temperature variations (a winter with 80 degrees below zero to a summer with temperatures at 90 degrees) by approximately ten thousand engineers. The 93rd, 95th, 97th Regiments and 388th Battalion engineering units assigned to the construction of the Alaska-Canada Highway comprised one-third of the total project force and were segregated by race. According to the resolution's findings, "despite enduring indignities and double standards, the soldiers of the Black Corps of Engineers contributed unselfishly to the western defense in World War II and these contributions helped lead to the subsequent integration of the military. On November 20, 1942, the Alaska-Canada Highway was completed in eight months and twelve days.

Committee Action: The resolution was introduced on February 16, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which did not consider it.

Cost to Taxpayers: The concurrent resolution would authorize no expenditure.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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