

House Resolution

No. 11

**Introduced by Assembly Members Eggman, Campos, Grove, and
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House Resolution No. 11—Relative to Women in the United States
Armed Forces.

1 WHEREAS, During the American Revolution, women, including
2 Margaret Corbin, Deborah Sampson, and Molly Pitcher, served
3 with valor and distinction on the field of battle, in some cases
4 posing as men in order to serve their country; and

5 WHEREAS, The establishment of the Women’s Army Auxiliary
6 Corps in 1942, and its conversion just one year later to the full
7 Women’s Army Corps, allowed the additional deployment of the
8 equivalent of another seven divisions to the front; and

9 WHEREAS, General Douglas MacArthur said of the 150,000
10 women who served in the WAAC and WAC during World War
11 II that they were his best soldiers and that they worked harder,
12 complained less, and were better disciplined; and

13 WHEREAS, The number of women serving on active duty in
14 the armed forces has grown to exceed 200,000, comprising more
15 than 14 percent of the entire force; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite a long-standing exclusion of women from
17 direct combat roles, many women have died fighting for this nation
18 in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds more have been wounded
19 in those conflicts; and

20 WHEREAS, Women have risen to the highest levels of
21 command in the United States Armed Forces; and

1 WHEREAS, Women have been breaking barriers to service for
2 the entire history of this nation, and this year yet another, banning
3 them from direct combat roles, is to fall; and

4 WHEREAS, We honor the achievements of those women who
5 serve and have served in the Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
7 Assembly recognizes the contributions of women in the United
8 States Armed Forces are an example for all to follow, an important
9 part of this nation’s history, and are to be celebrated during
10 Women’s History Month; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
12 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.