

**House Resolution**

**No. 11**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Eggman, Campos, Grove, and Melendez**

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
20 Assembly recognizes the contributions of women in the United  
21 States Armed Forces are an example for all to follow, an important  
22 part of this nation's history, and are to be celebrated during  
23 Women's History Month; and be it further

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