

**House Resolution**

**No. 25**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow**

August 21, 2013

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House Resolution No. 25—Relative to the 361st Infantry Regiment Day.

1 WHEREAS, The 361st Infantry was organized on September  
2 4, 1917, as an element of the 91st Division and was formed into  
3 a Regimental Combat Team. On September 11, 1918, the 361st  
4 Infantry Regimental Combat Team became the first regiment of  
5 the 91st Division to enter combat in World War I, serving valiantly  
6 under treacherous conditions on the fronts and receiving battle  
7 streamers for Ypres-Lys, Muse-Argonne, and Lorraine. The 361st  
8 Infantry Regimental Combat Team received numerous decorations  
9 from Belgium, France, and the United States of America, including  
10 the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

11 WHEREAS, After being demobilized in April 1919, the 361st  
12 Infantry was reconstituted in June 1921 and was allotted to the  
13 Organized Reserves in Sacramento, California, as an element of  
14 the 91st Division. The 361st Infantry was ordered into active  
15 military service on August 15, 1942, at Camp White, Oregon,  
16 where it underwent rigorous training until November 1943; and

17 WHEREAS, The 361st Infantry participated in the initial landing  
18 on the beach of Anzio, Italy, on June 1, 1944, and distinguished  
19 itself throughout the Italian campaign, receiving numerous  
20 commendations and awards, including a Presidential Unit Citation  
21 and campaign streamers for Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and  
22 the Po Valley; and

1 WHEREAS, The 361st Infantry was deactivated at Camp  
2 Rucker, Alabama, on November 13, 1945, and was organized and  
3 redesignated the Organized Reserve Corps in 1948 with  
4 headquarters in California where it continues to serve our beloved  
5 country; and

6 WHEREAS, The former members of the 361st Infantry have  
7 aided in maintaining the honor, integrity, and supremacy of the  
8 country, holding in remembrance their common cause to uphold  
9 the Constitution and laws of the United States of America. The  
10 former members of the 361st Infantry encourage in all people the  
11 spirit of understanding, which shall help guard against future wars,  
12 promote charitable activity directed to members or their survivors  
13 who may be in need, and preserve the memories of our military  
14 activities; and

15 WHEREAS, On Saturday, September 7, 2013, the 361st Infantry  
16 Association will hold their 24th annual reunion and memorial  
17 ceremony in Sacramento, California, in the 52nd year of the  
18 organization; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
20 Assembly proclaims September 7, 2013, as 361st Infantry  
21 Regiment Day in California; and be it further

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