

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4016, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GREEN OF TEXAS**

Add at the end the following:

**1 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

**2 (a) FINDINGS.—**Congress finds the following—

**3 (1)** this resolution may be cited as the “Original Resolution Honoring the 25th Army Corps”;

**5 (2)** the 25th Army Corps was the largest unit of African Americans in the Union Army during the Civil War, comprised of more than 1,000 soldiers;

**8 (3)** the 25th Army Corps captured Galveston, Texas, on June 5, 1865, a week before General Gordon Granger’s arrival on June 19, 1865;

**11 (4)** the 25th Army Corps chased the rebel government and soldiers of Texas into Mexico and spread the word about freedom, liberating thousands of enslaved people in Texas before the arrival of General Granger;

**16 (5)** the 25th Army Corps were the first unit to occupy the former capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia, on April 3, 1864;

**19 (6)** the members of the 25th Army Corps, who were previously held in the bondage of slavery, not

1       only emancipated enslaved persons in Galveston,  
2       they also released Union soldiers and enslaved per-  
3       sons taken captive by the Confederate Army;

4           (7) the soldiers of the 25th Army Corps,  
5       through their actions and sacrifices, brought a cru-  
6       cial victory for the Union and played an indispen-  
7       sable role in the struggle for human rights, contrib-  
8       uting to the abolition of slavery;

9           (8) the 25th Army Corps not only waged war  
10       against the Confederacy but also waged a significant  
11       battle against racial prejudice and discrimination  
12       across the Nation; and

13          (9) the legacy of the 25th Army Corps con-  
14       tinues to inspire subsequent generations, instilling  
15       the values of courage, freedom, and justice and re-  
16       minding us of our shared humanity.

17       (b) PURPOSE.—The House of Representatives recog-  
18       nizes and thanks the 25th Army Corps of the Union Army  
19       for their role in capturing Galveston, Texas, on June 5,  
20       1865, and liberating thousands of enslaved people days  
21       prior to the arrival of General Gordon Granger on June  
22       19, 1865.

