

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR  
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RICO**

At the end of subtitle E of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL**  
2 **BORINQUENEERS DAY.**

3 (a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the Sense of Con-  
4 gress that—

5 (1) in 1898, Puerto Rico became a territory of  
6 the United States and, the following year, Congress  
7 authorized raising a military unit of volunteer sol-  
8 diers on the island, which was organized as the  
9 “Puerto Rico Regiment of Volunteer Infantry”;

10 (2) in 1908, Congress incorporated the regi-  
11 ment as part of the regular United States Army as  
12 the “Puerto Rico Regiment of Infantry”;

13 (3) in 1917, after the United States entry into  
14 World War I, the Puerto Rico Regiment of Infantry  
15 was sent to Panama to defend the Panama Canal  
16 Zone;

1           (4) in 1920, Congress redesignated the unit as  
2           the 65th Infantry Regiment of the United States  
3           Army;

4           (5) during World War II, the 65th Infantry  
5           Regiment served in North Africa and Europe, in-  
6           cluding combat operations in France and Germany  
7           for which members of the unit received commenda-  
8           tions for valiant service, including 1 Distinguished  
9           Service Cross, 2 Silver Stars, 2 Bronze Stars, and  
10          90 Purple Hearts;

11          (6) in 1950, the 65th Infantry Regiment de-  
12          ployed to South Korea, and during the voyage the  
13          soldiers nicknamed the unit the “Borinqueneers”, a  
14          reference to the native Taíno Tribe’s name for the  
15          island of Puerto Rico;

16          (7) during the Korean war, the 65th Infantry  
17          Regiment (hereinafter, the “Borinqueneers”) en-  
18          gaged in substantial combat operations on the Ko-  
19          rean Peninsula, and the unit played a central role in  
20          several important offensives and counter-offensives  
21          that earned it well-deserved admiration and com-  
22          mendation;

23          (8) the Borinqueneers’ extraordinary service  
24          during the Korean war resulted in the Regiment re-  
25          ceiving 2 Presidential Unit Citations (Army and

1 Navy), 2 Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Cita-  
3 tions, a Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), a  
4 Navy Unit Commendation, the Chryssoun Aristion  
5 Andrias (Bravery Gold Medal of Greece), and cam-  
6 paign participation credits for United Nations Offen-  
7 sive, Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) Interven-  
8 tion, First United Nations Counteroffensive, CCF  
9 Spring Offensive, United Nations Summer-Fall Of-  
10 fensive, Second Korean Winter, Korea Summer-Fall  
11 1952, Third Korean Winter, and Korea Summer  
12 1953;

13 (9) the Borinqueneers' extraordinary service  
14 during the Korean war also resulted in numerous in-  
15 dividual commendations and awards for its soldiers,  
16 including 1 Medal of Honor, 9 Distinguished Service  
17 Crosses, more than 250 Silver Stars, more than 600  
18 Bronze Stars, and more than 2,700 Purple Hearts;

19 (10) in 1956, the 65th Infantry Regiment was  
20 deactivated from the regular United States Army  
21 and, in 1959, its units and regimental number were  
22 assigned to the Puerto Rico National Guard;

23 (11) in 1982, the United States Army Center  
24 of Military History officially authorized designating  
25 the 65th Infantry Regiment as the "Borinqueneers";  
and

1           (12) on April 13, 2016, Congress awarded the  
2           Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regi-  
3           ment in recognition of the Borinqueneers’ numerous  
4           contributions to American history and outstanding  
5           military service from World War I through the re-  
6           cent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

7           (b) RESOLUTION.—The House of Representatives—

8           (1) expresses support for the designation of  
9           “National Borinqueneers Day”;

10          (2) recognizes the bravery, service, and sacrifice  
11          of the Puerto Rican soldiers of the 65th Infantry  
12          Regiment in the armed conflicts of the United  
13          States in the 20th and 21st centuries;

14          (3) expresses deep gratitude for the contribu-  
15          tions to the Armed Forces that have been made by  
16          hundreds of thousands of patriotic United States  
17          citizens from Puerto Rico; and

18          (4) urges individuals and communities across  
19          the United States to participate in activities that are  
20          designed—

21                 (A) to celebrate the distinguished service of  
22                 the military veterans who served in the 65th In-  
23                 fantry Regiment, known as the  
24                 “Borinqueneers”;

1                   (B) to pay tribute to the sacrifices made  
2                   and adversities overcome by Puerto Rican and  
3                   Hispanic military service members; and

4                   (C) to recognize the significant contribu-  
5                   tions to American history made by the 65th In-  
6                   fantry Regiment, known as the  
7                   “Borinqueneers”.

