

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
OFFERED BY MR. GREEN OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. 10____. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE 25TH**
2 **ARMY CORPS OF THE UNION ARMY.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The 25th Army Corps was the largest unit
5 of African Americans in the Union Army during the
6 Civil War, comprised of more than 1,000 soldiers.

7 (2) The 25th Army Corps captured Galveston,
8 Texas, on June 5, 1865, a week before General Gor-
9 don Granger’s arrival on June 19, 1865.

10 (3) The 25th Army Corps chased the rebel gov-
11 ernment and soldiers of Texas into Mexico and
12 spread the word about freedom, liberating thousands
13 of enslaved people in Texas before the arrival of
14 General Granger.

15 (4) The 25th Army Corps were the first unit to
16 occupy the former capital of the Confederacy, Rich-
17 mond, Virginia, on April 3, 1864.

18 (5) The members of the 25th Army Corps, who
19 were previously held in the bondage of slavery, not
20 only emancipated enslaved persons in Galveston,

1 they also released Union soldiers and enslaved per-
2 sons taken captive by the Confederate Army.

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

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

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

16 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the sense of Congress to recog-
17 nize and thank the 25th Army Corps of the Union Army
18 for its role in capturing Galveston, Texas, on June 5,
19 1865, and liberating thousands of enslaved people days
20 prior to the arrival of General Gordon Granger on June
21 19, 1865.

