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Bipartisan Resolution Honors Civil Air Patrol for 75 Years of Service

Volunteer Civil Air Patrol serves during times of war, peace

WASHINGTON – U.S. Representative Richard Hanna (R-NY), along with **Representative Charlie Dent (R-PA)**, **Representative Steve Israel (D-NY)**, and **Representative Ron Kind (D-WI)**, has introduced a resolution recognizing the strategic role the **Civil Air Patrol** plays in supporting critical defense and homeland security missions and honoring the organization for 75 years of continuous service in times of both peace and war. **U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine)** has also introduced a companion resolution in the Senate.

House Resolution 925 recognizes members of the all-volunteer **Civil Air Patrol** who served prominently during World War II, engaging in coastal patrols for enemy vessels, search and rescue missions, courier and cargo services, and air defense and pilot training operations. It is estimated that CAP pilots flew 24 million miles over 18 months and reported more than 170 possible submarines sightings. The **Civil Air Patrol's** World War II legacy also includes the integration of its squadrons, which were the first to allow both women and African Americans to fly in service to their country. **H.Res. 925** has nearly 60 cosponsors in the House of Representatives.

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"I am pleased to recognize the **Civil Air Patrol** for 75 years of exemplary service to our nation," said **Rep. Hanna**, who is a pilot and an honorary member of the **Civil Air Patrol's Legislative Squadron**. "The men and women who lend their skills to CAP fulfill several critical missions that protect and defend the United States of America. On behalf of a grateful nation, congratulations on your anniversary and thank you for your service."

"Since its founding 75 years ago, the **Civil Air Patrol** has been integral to America's national security," **Senator Collins** said. "Two coastal patrol bases located in Maine contributed to our nation's defense

during World War II, and today, hundreds of **Civil Air Patrol** members in Maine serve in a variety of roles, from search and rescue to disaster relief. Over the past 75 years, thousands of patriotic volunteers have helped keep our country safe. Our resolution honors the 75th anniversary of the **Civil Air Patrol** and commends these individuals for their dedication to our nation.”

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“The **Civil Air Patrol** and its Cadets have a distinguished history of answering the call to public service to provide key support missions, and I am thankful for their unwavering service to our nation”, **Rep. Dent said.** “In addition to selflessly serving as an auxiliary to the United States Air Force, the valiant men and women who volunteer for CAP also provide valuable aerospace educational resources for fellow volunteers and the general public and are an asset for our first responders and military alike.”

“For 75 years, the men and women of the **Civil Air Patrol** have bravely volunteered their time and talent to protect our homeland,” **Rep. Israel said.** “I am proud to join my colleagues in honoring this distinguished organization and their mission to protect and educate young leaders about the importance of national service.”

“I am proud to support and honor the **Civil Air Patrol** for 75 years of brave service,” **Rep. Kind said.** “I had the honor of visiting the La Crosse Composite Squadron in 2012, where I was able to speak with cadets and tour their facilities. The work of the Civic Air Patrol is invaluable for our national defense and homeland security, as well as the education and inspiration for hundreds of young students.”

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Today, the **Civil Air Patrol** continues to fulfill several missions critical to our national defense and homeland security. Serving as the Air Force’s official auxiliary force, the **Civil Air Patrol** is helping to train interceptor pilots and unmanned aerial vehicle operators under realistic conditions as well as supporting aerial observation missions and counterdrug operations. In addition, the **Civil Air Patrol** continues its weekly youth and aerospace education programs that have introduced thousands of young students to aviation and the importance of national service.

“On December 1 **Civil Air Patrol** celebrates 75 years of volunteer service to America,” **said Civil Air Patrol’s National Commander, Major General Joseph Vazquez.** “From hunting submarines during World War II to conducting emergency services, youth programs and STEM education today CAP members reflect the best this nation has to offer. CAP thanks Representative Hanna, Senator Collins and all House and Senate resolution cosponsors for their support.”

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