

Resolution on Eliminating Discrimination Against Gays and Lesbians in the Military

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Whereas preceding an Executive Order in 1948 by President Harry Truman, African-Americans were barred from equal participation in military service as a result of the belief that their service was incompatible with the efficient and harmonious operation of the armed Forces, and

Whereas today, the same unfounded justifications are used to support discrimination against gay and lesbian military personnel despite the fact that many objective studies, even those commissioned by the Pentagon, have shown that gay men and

lesbians can and do serve as well as their heterosexual brothers and sisters, and

Whereas soldiers who are discovered to be gay or lesbian receive discharges and, depending upon the type of discharge, can be denied benefits that come from military service,

Be it therefore resolved:

That the Union of American Hebrew Congregations calls upon the President of the United States to issue an Executive Order and upon Congress to enact appropriate legislation eliminating discrimination against gays and lesbians in the Armed Forces.