

**As Introduced**

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**H. R. No. 95**

**Representatives Upchurch, Miller, A.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

To urge the Congress of the United States to enact 1  
H.R. 1255 to make direct descendants of Black 2  
veterans of World War II eligible for Veterans 3  
Administration housing loans and education 4  
benefits. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's 6  
Readjustment Act (G.I. Bill) on June 22, 1944, establishing into 7  
law sweeping benefits for veterans, including college tuition, 8  
low-cost home loans, and unemployment insurance; and 9

WHEREAS, Racial disparities in the implementation of the 10  
G.I. Bill prevented Black veterans from securing the G.I. Bill's 11  
benefits; and 12

WHEREAS, Black veterans who qualified for benefits often 13  
could not find facilities that delivered on the G.I. Bill's 14  
promise; and 15

WHEREAS, Although the G.I. Bill guaranteed low-interest 16  
mortgages and other loans, they were not administered by the 17  
Department of Veterans Affairs itself. Thus, the Department 18  
could cosign, but not actually guarantee the loans. This gave 19  
financial institutions free rein to refuse mortgages and loans 20

to Black veterans; and 21

WHEREAS, Redlining, a practice of marking maps by race to 22  
characterize the risks of lending money and providing insurance, 23  
made purchasing a home even more difficult for Black veterans; 24  
and 25

WHEREAS, On February 28, 2023, Massachusetts Congressman 26  
Seth Wilbur Moulton introduced H.R. 1255, a bill that proposes 27  
to make up for the incalculable loss of opportunities by making 28  
the direct descendants of Black World War II veterans eligible 29  
for Veterans Administration housing loans and education 30  
benefits; now therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32  
Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of 33  
Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge the Congress of the 34  
United States to enact H.R. 1255 of the 118th Congress, to 35  
extend to Black veterans of World War II, and surviving spouses 36  
and certain direct descendants of such veterans, eligibility for 37  
housing loans and educational assistance administered by the 38  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 41  
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 42  
the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States 43  
Senate, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and 44  
the news media of Ohio. 45