

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

Senator Hollier offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge continued support for the United States
2 Africa Command for its work to advance the role of women in the
3 region.

4 Whereas, The United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) is the
5 combatant command responsible for all U.S. Department of Defense
6 operations, exercises, and security cooperation on the African
7 Continent, its island nations, and surrounding waters. The command
8 uses diplomatic, developmental, and defense approaches to combat
9 extremism and conflict on the continent; and

10 Whereas, In 2017, the federal Women's Peace and Security (WPS)
11 Act was signed into law. The act was designed to promote the
12 meaningful participation of women in all aspects of overseas
13 conflict prevention, management, and resolution, and post-conflict

1 relief and recovery efforts; and

2 Whereas, Since before the WPS Act was enacted, AFRICOM has
3 consistently worked to advance the role of women in Africa. The
4 command has developed and held trainings specifically for women in
5 African militaries. It has also hosted workshops and seminars on
6 gender integration, the role of women in peacekeeping operations,
7 and responding to gender-based violence; and

8 Whereas, In 2018, AFRICOM developed a tool to assess its
9 progress in implementing WPS Act criteria. The tool uses a wealth
10 of data to measure how well women are being integrated into
11 existing military processes. This will allow AFRICOM to improve its
12 work in promoting women going forward; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge continued support for the
14 United States Africa Command for its work to advance the role of
15 women in the region; and be it further

16 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
17 United States Secretary of Defense, the Commander of the United
18 States Africa Command, and the members of the Michigan
19 congressional delegation.