WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to approve a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots – also known as WASP – who served during World War II. Congressman McCarthy is an original cosponsor of the House version of the legislation.

Congressman McCarthy issued the following statement:

"These Women Airforce Service Pilots sacrificed in service for our country in a time of need, and deserve this honor. It is a pleasure to recognize all of these amazing pilots, including the three who live in our communities. Flora Belle Reece, Irma "Babe" Story, and Marguerite "Ty" Killen, are all perfect examples of patriotic dedication who stepped up and served our country when needed most."

Today's House passage paves the way for Presidential signature, as the Senate passed the legislation on May 20, 2009.

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