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MARCH 27, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the United States Army
2 Reserve, honoring the commitment, dedication and service to
3 America and wishing for its continued support to our
4 soldiers.

5 WHEREAS, In 1908, the nation's leaders, knowing that the most
6 up-to-date medical experience resided in the civilian sector,
7 created the first reservoir of trained officers in a reserve
8 status, known as the Medical Reserve Corps; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, more than 59% of the Army's medical assets
10 lie within the Army Reserve; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1916, the Congress of the United States passed
2 the National Defense Act, creating the Officers' Reserve Corps,
3 the Enlisted Reserve Corps and the Reserve Officers' Training
4 Corps, later named the Organized Reserve Corps (ORC), all of
5 which are forerunners of the current Army Reserve; and

6 WHEREAS, In both World Wars, Army Reserve soldiers answered
7 the call of duty; and

8 WHEREAS, In World War I, 169,500 Reserve officers were
9 mobilized, and during World War II, 200,000 members of the ORC
10 participated, with reserve officers providing 29% of the Army's
11 officers; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1952, Congress renamed the ORC as the Army
13 Reserve and divided it into three reserves: the Ready Reserve,
14 the Standby Reserve and the Retired Reserve; and

15 WHEREAS, Legislation also provided that reserve units have 24
16 training days and up to 17 days of annual training; and

17 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve has been an integral part of
18 numerous conflicts; and

19 WHEREAS, More than 70 Army Reserve units were deployed to the
20 Korean Peninsula, more than 84,000 soldiers provided combat
21 support and combat service support during Operation Desert
22 Shield and Operation Desert Storm and others provided support in
23 Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom,
24 Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

25 WHEREAS, The role of the Army Reserve has changed over time;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Moving from a strategic reserve to an operational
28 force, the Army Reserve also provides resources and training to
29 first-responder organizations across the nation, trains
30 soldiers, implements national objectives, keeps the Army mobile

1 and enables the Army to do more with fewer resources; and

2 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve makes up 20% of the Army's
3 organized units, but provides one-half of the Army's combat
4 support and one-fourth of its mobilization base expansion
5 capabilities; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, celebrate the 100th anniversary of
8 the United States Army Reserve, honor its service to America and
9 wish them another century of continued support.