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# H. RES. 287

Honoring the continuing service and commitment of the members of the National Guard and Reserve units activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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# RESOLUTION

Honoring the continuing service and commitment of the members of the National Guard and Reserve units activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Whereas citizen-soldiers have served the United States with honor and distinction since colonial times;

Whereas the more than 1,200,000 citizen-soldiers who comprise the National Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces nationwide commit significant time and effort to executing their important role in the Armed Forces;

Whereas on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked and destroyed 4 civilian aircraft, crashing 2 of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.;

Whereas thousands of innocent people from more than 80 countries were killed or injured as a result of these attacks;

Whereas on September 14, 2001, units of the Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Army National Guard of the United States, and Air National Guard of the United States were authorized to be activated in support of operations in response to the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001;

Whereas 336 of such units from 49 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have been activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas on October 29, 2001, 32,686 members of such units were on active duty, including 12,391 members of the Army Reserve and Army National Guard, 4,650 members of the Naval Reserve, 373 members of the Marine Corps Reserve, 2,529 members of the Coast Guard Reserve, and 12,743 members of the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard;

Whereas these activations represent the largest mobilization of members of the National Guard and Reserve since Operation Desert Storm in 1991;

Whereas members of the National Guard and Reserve are serving the Nation in almost every conceivable capacity, including providing airport security, medical support, and other logistical support for both civilian and military operations;

Whereas the members of these units have been ordered to active duty for a period of 365 days and are not expected to return home until October 2002 at the earliest;

Whereas these National Guard and Reserve citizen-soldiers have selflessly performed their duties during the weeks since the terrorist attacks, sacrificing time at their civilian jobs and with their families during the period of their active duty; and

Whereas these National Guard and Reserve citizen-soldiers serve a critical role as part of the mission of the Armed Forces to protect the freedom of United States citizens and the American ideals of justice, liberty, and freedom, both at home and abroad: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) honors the continuing service and commit-  
3       ment of the members of the National Guard and Re-  
4       serve units activated in support of Operation Endur-  
5       ing Freedom;

6               (2) honors the sacrifices made by the families  
7       and employers of the members of those units during  
8       their time away from home;

9               (3) recognizes the critical importance of the Na-  
10       tional Guard and Reserve to the security of the  
11       United States; and

12              (4) supports providing the necessary resources  
13       to ensure the continued readiness of the National  
14       Guard and Reserve.

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