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Encouraging military discounts in honor of the 250th anniversary of the
United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. HUNT, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. MAST, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. FULLER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Encouraging military discounts in honor of the 250th
anniversary of the United States.

Whereas this resolution recognizes the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their families;

Whereas this resolution encourages businesses across the United States to voluntarily offer military appreciation discounts to members of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and veterans in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026;

Whereas the 250th anniversary of the United States represents a historic milestone celebrating the Nation's founding ideals of freedom, liberty, and democracy;

Whereas this initiative invites the American private sector to participate in a nationwide gesture of appreciation during the America 250 celebration;

Whereas participation by businesses would be voluntary, requiring no mandates and no taxpayer funding;

Whereas Congress encourages small and large businesses to highlight their participation as part of the America 250 celebration;

Whereas Congress recognizes that businesses that support the military community strengthen the patriotic and civic traditions of the United States;

Whereas encouraging businesses to offer military discounts would directly benefit members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and military families across the United States;

Whereas such efforts would strengthen ties between businesses and military communities nationwide;

Whereas small and large businesses continue to be among the most military-supportive sectors in the United States;

Whereas the United States is home to nearly 18,000,000 veterans, along with millions of members of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and military families;

Whereas military families are an essential part of the United States economy and local communities across the country;

Whereas voluntary military discounts from businesses provide meaningful everyday financial support to those who serve and have served;

Whereas this initiative would encourage widespread participation by businesses in America 250 celebrations across the Nation;

Whereas this initiative would help create a visible national culture of appreciation for military service during the 250th anniversary year;

Whereas this initiative would resonate strongly in communities across the United States, particularly those surrounding major military installations and areas with strong military ties;

Whereas businesses across the United States, from local shops to major retailers, can lead by example in demonstrating the Nation's longstanding tradition of supporting the Armed Forces;

Whereas supporting veterans and military families remains one of the most bipartisan priorities in Congress and resonates strongly with communities nationwide; and

Whereas participating businesses may identify themselves as “America 250 Military Appreciation Businesses”, helping to visibly demonstrate national support for veterans during this historic milestone: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
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 3 tailers across the United States to voluntarily offer mili-
 4 tary appreciation discounts to members of the Armed
 5 Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and

1 veterans in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United
2 States, as a meaningful and nationwide gesture of appre-
3 ciation that strengthens communities, supports military
4 families, and upholds the Nation's enduring commitment
5 to those who have served.

