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Joint Resolution

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To designate the week commencing with the fourth Monday in June 1982 as "National NCO/Petty Officer Week".

Whereas the noncommissioned officers and petty officers of the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps and the petty officers of the Navy and the Coast Guard have been regarded as the backbone of the Armed Forces of the United States for more than two hundred years;

Whereas noncommissioned officers and petty officers continue to be the recruiters, trainers, and noncommissoned leaders of the men and women who join the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the noncommissioned officers' and petty officers' spirit and devotion to duty is epitomized in the long list of recipients of the Medal of Honor and other decorations of personal valor;

Whereas noncommissioned officers and petty officers have made great sacrifices during their service to this Nation;

Whereas the recent shortage of such officers serving on active duty has highlighted their value to the Nation and its military forces; and

Whereas it is fitting and proper to recognize the significant contributions made by all noncommissioned officers and petty officers of the Armed Forces of the United States to the freedom and defense of this Nation: Now, therefore, be it

National NCO/Petty Officer Week.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week commencing with the fourth Monday in June 1982 is designated as "National NCO/Petty Officer Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to set aside that week to honor past and present noncommissioned officers and petty officers of the Armed Forces of the United States in an appropriate manner.

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