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H. CON. RES. 322

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 15, 2006

Received and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the appreciation of Congress for the contributions of the United Service Organizations, Incorporated (the USO), to the morale and welfare of the members of the Armed Forces and their families.

Whereas the United Service Organizations, Incorporated (the USO), a nonprofit, charitable organization, was founded in 1941 to provide morale and recreation services to military personnel and in 2006 is celebrating its 65th anniversary of service to United States servicemembers around the world;

Whereas the USO is chartered by Congress and is endorsed by the President and the Department of Defense to provide morale, welfare, and recreation-type services to members of the Armed Forces and their families;

Whereas the USO operates 124 centers around the world, including six mobile canteens, through which support is provided to members of the Armed Forces and their families, who visit those facilities more than 5,000,000 times per year;

Whereas the USO relies on over 33,000 volunteers providing approximately 400,000 hours of service per year, in both peacetime and time of conflict;

Whereas the USO plays an important role in contributing to the success of the Nation's military mission by providing a reliable private connection directly supporting the morale, welfare, and recreational needs of the members of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas the crucial link to home provided by the USO is made possible through the generous contributions of more than 1,000,000 American citizens and scores of corporations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress extends its appreciation to the
3 United Service Organizations, Incorporated (the USO), on
4 its 65th anniversary and recognizes that the work of that
5 organization in supporting the members of the Armed

1 Forces and their families is a valued contribution to the
2 success and mission of the Armed Forces.

Passed the House of Representatives February 14,
2006.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.