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Honoring the members of the Armed Forces serving as health care professionals in Iraq and Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the members of the Armed Forces serving as health care professionals in Iraq and Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

Whereas more than 12,500 health care professionals of the Armed Forces are currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Whereas these health care professionals include enlisted medics and medical corpsmen who provide immediate, life-saving care on the battlefield, doctors, nurses, and medical support personnel at combat support hospitals, and health care providers responsible for evacuations to medical treatment facilities and medical centers;

Whereas more than 17,500 United States service members have been wounded in action during Operation Iraqi

Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and have been cared for by military health care professionals;

Whereas between 75 and 80 percent of traumatic injuries involve the extremities and are most commonly combined with wounds that affect other regions of the body;

Whereas since 2001, more than 400 United States service members have returned home from Iraq and Afghanistan as amputees;

Whereas many injuries, which previously would have resulted in death, were not fatal because of advancements in battlefield equipment, including body armor and helmets;

Whereas in addition to advancements in equipment, advancements in battlefield medicine, procedures for swift evacuation to hospitals, and the overall high quality of medical care continue to save the lives of United States military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Whereas the nature of warfare conducted in Iraq and Afghanistan has forced military health care professionals to confront new types of injuries and develop new types of treatment methods;

Whereas as a result of the high quality of health care professionals serving in the military, the survival rate of United States service members is higher than in any previous war, with 7 to 8 survivors for every death, as compared to 2 survivors for every death during World War II; and

Whereas the medical treatments, procedures, and approaches developed by military health care professionals serving in Iraq and Afghanistan will continue to save military lives, in addition to having direct applications and benefits to civilian medical care: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) honors the members of the Armed Forces
4 serving as health care professionals in Iraq and Af-
5 ghanistan and their ongoing contributions to the
6 United States service members to whom they provide
7 medical care; and

8 (2) recognizes the research and advancements
9 achieved by military health care professionals in the
10 area of battlefield medical care and the direct appli-
11 cations and benefits such research and advance-
12 ments will have to civilian medical care.

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