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# S. RES. 47

Expressing the sense of the Senate commending civilian employers of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces for their support of members who are called to active duty and for their support of the members' families.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 10, 2005

Mr. BAYH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate commending civilian employers of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces for their support of members who are called to active duty and for their support of the members' families.

Whereas, over 450,000 members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces have been called to active duty between September 11, 2001, and February of 2005, and have had to leave their families and employers to serve and protect their country;

Whereas, the reservists called to active duty provide critical support of United States military operations abroad by serving as engineers, medics, military police, and civil affairs specialists, and in other military specialities;

Whereas, more than half of all reservists are married, and about half of them have children or other dependents;

Whereas, extended active-duty service in the performance of critical national security missions abroad has required reservists to make significant sacrifices, in time spent away from their family and, in some cases, loss of income;

Whereas, the business community in the United States has played a crucial role in supporting our reservists by providing significant financial assistance for reservists ordinarily in their workforce who experience a reduction in income due to extended active-duty service;

Whereas, this financial support by civilian employers makes it possible, in many cases, for the families of reservists to meet daily expenses associated with raising children and attaining the American dream;

Whereas the business community continues to provide this critical assistance so that the Nation's reservists may serve their country without worrying about the financial condition of their family; and

Whereas the following Indiana employers, among others, provide assistance to their employees when, as reservists, they are called to active duty, and the employers deserve public recognition for their role in supporting our troops: Eli Lilly and Company, Cummins, Inc., Guidant Corporation, Alcoa, Inc., ConAgra Foods, Inc., CSX Corporation, Daimler Chrysler, Delphi Technologies, Inc., The Dow Chemical Company, FedEx Corporation, General Dynamics Corporation, Raytheon Company, General Electric Company, American International Group, Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Pfizer, Inc., United Parcel Service of America, Inc., Smiths Group plc, Honeywell Inter-

national, Inc., and Am General, LLC: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2           (1) the members of the reserve components of  
3       the Armed Forces and the businesses that ordinarily  
4       employ them are a cornerstone of the United States’  
5       successful prosecution of the war on terror, and the  
6       Federal Government should take steps to assist busi-  
7       nesses that are providing this critical support to the  
8       citizen-soldiers among their employees who are away  
9       in the military service of the United States;

10          (2) the business community deserves the Na-  
11       tion’s gratitude for the role it continues to perform  
12       in supporting the members of the reserve compo-  
13       nents of the Armed Forces, their families, and this  
14       Nation; and

15          (3) the appropriate officials of the Federal Gov-  
16       ernment should carefully review the adverse effects  
17       of mobilizations and demobilizations of the reserve  
18       components on the community of employers within  
19       the United States.

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