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H. RES. 643

Honoring women who have served, and who are currently serving, as members of the Armed Forces and recognizing the recently expanded service opportunities available to female members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2016

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Honoring women who have served, and who are currently serving, as members of the Armed Forces and recognizing the recently expanded service opportunities available to female members of the Armed Forces.

Whereas 201,719 women currently serve on active duty and 156,415 in the National Guard and the reserves as members of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas 164 female members of the Armed Forces have been killed and 1,021 female members of the Armed Forces have been wounded while serving the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation New Dawn;

Whereas 60 female members of the Armed Forces currently serve with the rank of general or flag officer;

Whereas female members of the Armed Forces have served in sensitive operations alongside Special Operations Forces as part of Cultural Support Teams;

Whereas, in 2015, Captain Kristen Griest, First Lieutenant Shaye Haver, and Major Lisa Jaster became the first women to graduate from Army Ranger School; and

Whereas, on December 3, 2016, Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter officially announced that all military occupations and positions are to be open to female members of the Armed Forces: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors women who have served, and who
3 are currently serving, as members of the Armed
4 Forces;

5 (2) commends female members of the Armed
6 Forces who have sacrificed their lives in defense of
7 the United States;

8 (3) recognizes that female members of the
9 Armed Forces are an integral and invaluable part of
10 the Armed Forces;

11 (4) urges the Secretary of Defense to ensure
12 that female members of the Armed Forces receive
13 adequate, well-fitted equipment in order to ensure
14 optimal safety and protection;

15 (5) urges the Secretary of Defense to ensure
16 that female members of the Armed Forces have ac-

1 cess to adequate health services that fully address
2 their specific medical needs;

3 (6) encourages the Secretary of Defense to de-
4 velop new initiatives focused on recruiting and re-
5 taining more women in the officer corps; and

6 (7) recognizes that the United States must con-
7 tinue to encourage and support female members of
8 the Armed Forces as they fight for and defend the
9 United States.

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