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H. RES. 1258

Recognizing and honoring the unwavering journey of our Armed Forces from enlistment to their lasting contributions as veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the unwavering journey of our Armed Forces from enlistment to their lasting contributions as veterans.

Whereas American servicemen and women have always answered our Nation's call to serve, standing as beacons of honor, courage, and commitment;

Whereas these brave individuals willingly pledge to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, both foreign and domestic, placing our Country's well-being above their self-interest;

Whereas upon their initial enlistment, these individuals undergo rigorous training, molding their character, skills, and spirit to serve the Nation's highest ideals;

Whereas from the vast expanse of the skies to the frontiers of outer space, from the depth of the seas to the expansive stretches of land, American servicemen and women stand vigilant, ensuring the safety and security of our Nation's borders and stability around the world;

Whereas American servicemen and women protect the American way of life, and the sacrifices they make are profound, often risking their lives in the line of duty, embodying the epitome of dedication to our Country and its ideals;

Whereas the families and communities of our Armed Forces members provide unwavering support during deployments and absences, facing challenges and making sacrifices of their own;

Whereas, as they transition from active duty, their journey does not end but evolves as they reintegrate into civilian life, reuniting with families, and adapting to new roles;

Whereas servicemembers, upon their return to civilian life, continue to invigorate our Nation's economy, with hundreds of thousands standing as entrepreneurs and business owners, contributing billions to the United States GDP, fostering innovation, and providing employment to countless Americans;

Whereas, as veterans, they continue to enrich our communities, serving as mentors, leaders, and advocates, and their legacy of service lives on, inspiring future generations; and

Whereas we must commit to ensuring that the resources, assistance, and honor befitting such service are readily available to our servicemembers, veterans, and their families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) extends its deepest gratitude to those who
3 have and are currently serving our Nation; and

4 (2) commits unwaveringly to ensuring that any
5 and all resources be made available to our
6 servicemembers, veterans, and their families by
7 guaranteeing—

8 (A) assistance in both finding and retain-
9 ing fulfilling employment opportunities;

10 (B) enhanced access to quality educational
11 and training opportunities tailored to the needs
12 of our veterans, current servicemembers, and
13 their families;

14 (C) access to top-tier health care and med-
15 ical treatment;

16 (D) comprehensive support and resources
17 for addressing stress, trauma, and mental
18 health challenges; and

19 (E) economic stability for our military
20 families, through measures such as increasing
21 allowances for lodging, per diem funds, and
22 quality childcare services.

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