

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the subject of H.R. 1047, the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

COMMENDING MEMBERS OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR SELFLESS SERVICE DURING GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, March 4, 2003, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 27) recognizing and commending the continuing dedication, selfless service, and commitment of members of the Armed Forces and their families during the Global War on Terrorism and in defense of the United States, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 27 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 27

Whereas the Global War on Terrorism began in response to the unprovoked terrorist attack on the United States homeland on September 11, 2001, which resulted in the deaths of thousands of United States citizens;

Whereas Al Qaeda, which attacked the United States on September 11, 2001, remains a threat to the national security of the United States;

Whereas the members of the Armed Forces of the United States, a total force comprised of active, National Guard, and Reserve personnel, have undertaken more than 17 months of courageous and successful operations against terrorism, not only in Afghanistan, but also worldwide;

Whereas since September 11, 2001, members of the United States Armed Forces have promoted homeland security throughout the United States by performing various missions, including providing security at the Nation's airports, protecting the public at special events, and patrolling the Nation's skies with combat air patrols;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces are helping around the world to train the militaries of other nations in counter-terrorism operations;

Whereas these post-September 11, 2001, missions have been in addition to other regular military missions and have been per-

formed without any permanent increase in the size of the Armed Forces;

Whereas more than 65 American servicemembers have died defending the Nation in the Global War on Terrorism and more than 210 have been wounded or injured;

Whereas nearly 225,000 members of the National Guard and Reserve components have been mobilized for active duty since the start of the Global War on Terrorism, of whom more than 166,000 remain on active duty, with thousands facing a second year of active duty away from families and civilian employment;

Whereas more than 200,000 active-duty personnel have already been deployed to the Persian Gulf theater and thousands of Reservists and National Guard members have been alerted for mobilization or are deploying for a possible war with Iraq;

Whereas many employers in the Nation find their employees called to active duty in the National Guard and Reserve, and are themselves called upon in the spirit of patriotism to maintain job security for those mobilized personnel and their families;

Whereas the ability of members of the Armed Forces to perform their missions requires the support and sacrifice of their families and the commitment to go wherever the Nation needs them;

Whereas the Nation is engaged in an unprecedented global conflict that presents many new and dangerous challenges to the members of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas this global conflict will require the Nation's unflinching resolve and commitment to provide the Nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines with the necessary resources required for victory: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress—

(1) commends, and expresses the gratitude of the Nation to, all members of the United States Armed Forces (whether on active duty, in the National Guard, or in the Reserves) who are fighting the Global War on Terrorism;

(2) commends, and expresses the gratitude of the Nation to, the employers who in the spirit of patriotism maintain the job security of their mobilized National Guard and Reserve employees;

(3) commends, and expresses the gratitude of the Nation to, the families of those servicemembers who have borne the burden of separation from their loved ones and who have staunchly supported them during the conduct of the Global War on Terrorism;

(4) expresses its condolences to the families of the brave American servicemembers who have lost their lives defending the Nation in the Global War on Terrorism; and

(5) reaffirms that it stands united with the President in the ongoing effort to defeat global terrorism.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, March 4, 2003, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the joint resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, since the start of the global war on terrorism, a saga has unfolded marked by the dedication, selfless service, and commitment of the members of the Armed Forces and their families. Now, on the eve of a potential war with Iraq, the Nation is about to ask our Armed Forces and their families for additional sacrifices.

For these reasons, my great colleague, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), and I thought it was only fitting that we offer this joint resolution to send a message to our Armed Forces of our support and appreciation for their magnificent efforts.

Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Armed Forces, a total force of active National Guard and Reserve volunteers, have conducted more than 17 months of courageous and successful operations against terrorism, not only in Afghanistan, but also worldwide. Beyond that, they have secured the U.S. homeland by performing various missions, including patrolling the Nation's airports, protecting the public at special events, and flying combat air patrols in the Nation's skies.

Today, more than 200,000 active duty personnel are already deployed to the Persian Gulf, and thousands of Reservists and National Guard members are on alert for mobilization or are deploying for a possible war with Iraq.

All these missions are in addition to other regular military requirements and have significantly increased the pace of operations and the stress on our forces. There have been no permanent increases in the size of the Armed Forces to meet these new requirements. Instead, our military forces are being required to work longer, harder, and smarter.

One enduring mark of the sacrifices being made in this war on terrorism by our men and women in uniform is that 67 American servicemembers have died defending the Nation, and 212 have been wounded or injured.

Untold sacrifices are being asked of the nearly 225,000 members of the National Guard and Reserve who have been mobilized for active duty since the start of the global war on terrorism. More than 174,000 of them remain on active duty, with thousands facing a second year of active duty away from their families and civilian employment.

America is able to make a substantial commitment of its citizen soldiers to this war because many of the Nation's employers, in the spirit of patriotism, are maintaining job security for those mobilized personnel and their families. Whether the members of the Armed Forces are active, Guard, or Reserve, their ability to perform their missions requires the continuing support and sacrifice of their families.

Mr. Speaker, the Nation is engaged in a global conflict that presents many

new and dangerous challenges to the members of the Armed Forces. It is a conflict that will require the Nation's unflinching resolve and commitment to provide the Nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines with the necessary resources required for victory.

In that context, this joint resolution commends and expresses the gratitude of our Nation to all members of the United States Armed Forces, whether on active duty, in the National Guard, or in the Reserves, who are fighting the global war on terrorism; also, Mr. Speaker, to the employers who maintain the job security of their mobilized National Guard and Reserve employees; and also, importantly, to the families of those servicemembers who have borne the burden of separation from their loved ones and who have staunchly supported them during this war.

The joint resolution also expresses our condolences to the families of the brave American servicemembers who have lost their lives defending our Nation in the global war on terrorism, and it reaffirms that the Congress stands united with the President in this ongoing effort to defeat terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support this joint resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, my friend, my colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER), in support of House Joint Resolution 27. This bill recognizes and commends the dedication, the selfless service, and the commitment of our Armed Forces and their families, and especially those involved with the global war on terrorism.

Our Nation is at war with terrorists who would destroy our freedoms and liberties that are the foundation of America. Those who serve on the front lines of this war on terrorism are our men and women in uniform. When our Nation calls, it is her service men and women who volunteer to be the point of the spear, protecting the Nation's interests both here in America and abroad.

Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, the Philippines, Yemen, Georgia, these are just several of the regions in which our Armed Forces are serving today. They are in over 200 countries around the world protecting the peace and training militaries in counterterrorism operations, and in searching and hunting the al Qaeda terrorists in Afghanistan. These are just a few of the important missions that our soldiers and sailors, our airmen and Marines are called upon to do each day.

The Armed Forces have always been called upon to assist those protecting us here in the homeland. From patrolling the skies above our major cities and guarding important infrastructure and facilities, like bridges and water

treatment facilities, to providing assistance to Border Patrol agents, our military is there to defend us.

Many called to service are citizen soldiers, National Guardsmen and Reservists, part-time volunteers who serve when they are called. A growing number of these citizen soldiers have been called to serve on multiple deployments over the past decade. Nearly 85,000 members of the National Guard and Reserve components have been mobilized for active duty since the start of the global war on terrorism. Last Friday, there were over 120,000 Reservists and National Guardsmen who were mobilized, many on their second year of active duty; and the number continues to rise.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, Company C, the 110th Engineers of the Missouri National Guard from my hometown of Lexington, has been mobilized to guard Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.

Our Reserve forces cannot fulfill their service obligations without the support of their families and employers. Employers have provided support in a number of ways, such as continuing to pay the difference between civilian pay and military pay, and providing health care coverage for the families left behind.

The support of these military families, active and Reserves, is also vital to deployed troops. Military families often face months of separation from their loved ones. Stories of a child being born while a parent is deployed and precious moments like birthdays and graduations and holidays being separated from families and friends are quite common. Yet these military families endure such hardships and sacrifices so these servicemembers can continue to proudly serve our Nation.

More than 65 servicemembers have died since the global war on terrorism began, and over 200 have been wounded or injured. These 65 individuals and their families made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Our thoughts and our prayers are with them.

While there are no words I can find to adequately express the Nation's appreciation for their sacrifices, our sympathies and our consolation go out to these families. The Nation will not forget the price these servicemembers paid to defend our country and to defend the freedoms that we all enjoy here in the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that the citizens of America recognize the dedication and commitment of those who serve in the uniformed services and their families, and I thank the gentleman for offering this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague for the sense of history and patriotism that he brings to this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), the vice-chairman of the Sub-

committee on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the strong commitment and constant leadership of the chairman, and his doing everything, along with our friend, the ranking member of the Committee, to provide the resources in problem-solving for our military that they so richly deserve.

Mr. Speaker, it is only fitting and timely that we take time to honor and commend the brave individuals serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Today, as we go about our normal, everyday business, thousands of troops are currently deployed or are already in locations across the globe to protect and safeguard the freedom and liberty we hold so dear. They are nobly answering the call of duty, separated from their families, friends, and loved ones. While putting themselves in harm's way, they seek to root out the evil that we have seen on September 11, 2001, and other terrorist acts of the past few years. Elimination of terrorism and terrorists is their mission. It is clear that they will succeed.

Mr. Speaker, just yesterday I was at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base in my district in North Carolina. There I saw thousands of Reservists preparing to deploy to undisclosed locations. Even though many of the 18th Airborne Corps, the 82nd, and Special Forces have already deployed, the post was a flurry of activity with mobile food tents, additional and temporary PXes, troops sleeping at night on cots in gymnasiums, and soldiers everywhere.

As these individuals, many of whom are members of the National Guard and Reserve, prepared to deploy, morale was high and they are ready.

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I cannot express how proud I am of them and the entire military community in Fayetteville, North Carolina for their service, selfless attitude and sacrifice.

Nearly 225,000 members of the Guard and Reserve have been mobilized. It is important to recognize the support the employers of these folks have provided in this mobilization effort. For example, the Right Gear Bicycle Shop in Concord was a two-man small business until the second of the two men were deployed. This is vitally important because of the contribution that half of the workforce of this important small business provides.

Yesterday, I and my wife, Barbara, also met with spouses to discuss the impact that mobilization has on families. The support these individuals have provided for their loved ones and the hardships that they are enduring are to be recognized and commended. When they have problems this Congress must do all that it can to solve those problems.

Mr. Speaker, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and prosecuting the

global war on terrorism has thrust our Nation's military into the spotlight and called to duty the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces. U.S. citizens are rallying behind them in strong support of the harrowing mission they have been called on to perform.

While terrorists and dictators seek to weaken the American spirit, their murderous acts instead serve to unite us in a way that has not been seen in decades. The 8th District of North Carolina has long played a key role in our Nation's defense, and I am honored to be able to pay tribute to the brave soldiers, sailors, coasties and Marines in my State and across this wonderful Nation. May God protect them and their families as they fulfill their duty and may He provide them the strength to perform the mission they are called on to do. May God bless and protect our U.S. Armed Forces and the United States of America.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST).

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in commending the service men and women of our Armed Services.

Mr. Speaker, I supported the resolution authorizing the President to use force if necessary to disarm the Iraqi regime. But regardless of Members' views on that resolution, we are united in our support of our troops. All of these brave men and women volunteered for duty and we have a responsibility to recognize the sacrifices that they have made to defend America's security.

My wife, Army Major General Cathy Frost, Commander of the Army Air Force Exchange Service recently visited our troops in Kuwait, Bahrain, UAE and Qatar. She shared with me the commitment of the brave young men and women on the fronts lines and their willingness to do whatever is required of them by our country. And I would also like to add a word of support for the more than 200 civilian employees of the Army Air Force Exchange Service who are operating PXs in that region in support of our service men and women.

We all sincerely hope that war in Iraq can still be avoided. However, this House is united today in sending a clear message to America's allies and adversaries alike: We stand united in support of our troops.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) who represents Quantico Marine Base, Dahlgren Air Force Base, Fort Eustis, many other military installations and thousands and thousands of great service personnel.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for his yeoman's work in supporting our men and women in the military.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Joint Resolution 27, a resolu-

tion which expresses our support for our service members currently engaged in our global war on terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, today I say thank you to these proud men and women in our Armed Services and to their families who bravely support them back here at home.

Currently we have forces present in Afghanistan, the Philippines, Yemen and many other countries. They lay down their lives for us on a daily basis for our cherished freedoms. At this time we have over 200,000 troops serving in the Gulf region, a force which serves us, a force which protects us, a force which stands ready to implement 18 United Nations' resolutions.

Mr. Speaker, as we approach what I believe will ultimately be the H-hour for our forces, let us bear in mind the sacrifices and service which these young men and women offer our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for bringing this measure before us. May God bless our troops and may God bless the United States of America.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT).

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, with one voice we unite to thank, bless, and pray for America's sons and daughters in uniform who puts themselves in harm's way for our country. For their sacrifice, for the sacrifice of their families, no mere resolution is sufficient to express our gratitude.

In our democracy, our military is ultimately led by our elected civilian leaders and this division of power is one source of our country's strength and stability. I have no disagreement with our service men and women who obey their duties and carry out their orders. My only disagreement, my very strong disagreement, rests with President Bush over Iraq, not with those who bravely execute his commands. Last month at the Texas Capitol I spoke to 10,000 of our neighbors who joined me in seeking a solution without war.

My previous speech at that spot was to honor our veterans' service in defense of freedom, the very liberty that allows us to express our dissent. Saluting our military is not the same as saluting the civilian decisions that heighten the danger to our soldiers, while diverting the resources needed to protect Americans from genuine threats.

As we praise America's young men and women who do their duty, we in this Congress should dedicate ourselves in doing our own duty—working to bring them all safely home.

And I would add that I salute the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER), and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) because this is the type of bipartisan resolution that rightly brings us together as Americans, instead of dividing us with inflammatory rhetoric and tearing us asunder. I hope we have more resolutions in this spirit in this House.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) who is a veteran of the Gulf War and presently a U.S. Naval reservist.

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Chairman HUNTER) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) for bringing this to the floor.

All of us Americans care for our forces but many of us who still wear the uniforms knows the names of the man Americans who are deployed overseas. Six of us here in the Congress still wear the uniform regularly, and just this weekend, I served in the Pentagon.

I have a privilege to represent a congressional district, including Great Lakes Naval Training Center where 90 percent of the men and women in our fleet deployed were trained, and Ft. Sheridan, where key Army aviation and intelligence functions are administered.

We think about the Americans abroad today. Specifically we think about the Americans at CFLIK at Camp Doha, at the 5th Fleet in Manama, Bahrain, at CENTCOM Forward in Qatar, at the ONW headquarters where I served at Incirlik, Turkey, at the OSW headquarters at Prince Sultan Airbase in Saudi Arabia.

We have a special thanks for the 174,000 reservists who have been called up, citizen soldiers, sailors and airmen, serving in Operation Noble Eagle to protect us here at home, Enduring freedom in Afghanistan and around the world, and of course for lack of a better term, Desert Storm II coming up.

But as a Navy guy, I want to give a special note of thanks to the four acres of freedom, wherever America needs and those are our carrier battle groups. I particularly want to thank the crews of the Roosevelt Battle Group, the Nimitz Battle Group, Constellation Battle Group, Truman Battle Group, and Kitty Hawk Battle Group. As we say to the young men and women, we wish you fair wind and following seas and a bravo zulu from the United States Congress.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished ranking member for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I am so privileged to be able to be present today in this House as we debate H.J. Res. 27. To the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services and my very dear friend, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON). I thank them for bringing this forward because I am very much reminded of why I have the privilege of standing here, not of my own accord or on behalf of my own devices or talents. It is because I have defenders of freedom across the world.

This is an appropriate resolution that says recognizing and commending the continuing dedication, selfless service and commitment of members of the Armed Forces and their families during the global war on terrorism and in defense of the United States.

I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) who shares with me on the Committee on Homeland Security, recognizing the importance of our Armed Services.

Mr. Speaker, I visited them in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Albania and Cuba. I just visited the 75th Division of the Army Reserves in Houston as they went off to train those who will be deployed. There is no doubt that we stand united. I joined a community in Houston in a pro-America rally. Though we may have disagreed on the question of war in Iraq, we were united on the question of supporting our military troops.

I will be voting enthusiastically on supporting this resolution, and I think all of us are blessed by the fact that we live in a country in which we can pray to our God, we can speak our minds, we can teach our children, and we have the brave men and women, young men and women, our family members and our reservists on the front lines. I thank also the citizens, the civilians who are supporting us as well.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.J. Res. 27 and ask my colleagues to support it.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, in Vietnam, guys on the ground used to refer to the jets overhead as fast movers, and today we always wondered about the comfortable life that they lead. So I was talking to the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM) and the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) about that very thing recently.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) who piloted fast movers, that is, fighter aircraft in both Vietnam and the Gulf War, and who is a veteran of those two conflicts and a great leader in the Committee on Armed Services, and also a guy who represents Nellis Air Force Base and Also the Fallon Naval Air Station.

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time. I rise today in strong support of this resolution, and I commend all of our troops at home and abroad for their efforts in the war on terrorism.

For 17 months, the men and women of Armed Forces have fought in Afghanistan, protected our homeland and done everything our Nation has asked them to do. The war on terrorism continues to produce results such as the recent arrest of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed. But yesterday's bombing in the Philippines, which claimed innocent American lives, should remind us that this war is ongoing and unfinished.

Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of meeting three heroes of this ongoing

war, and I was honored to introduce them before the Nevada State Legislature.

Captain Andra Kneip, a recipient of two Distinguished Flying Crosses and her husband, Major Scott Kneip, both of them A-10 fighter pilots, exemplify the great people serving our country. I also had the honor of introducing First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cahill and his family. Lieutenant Cahill was awarded one of the Nation's highest awards, the Silver Star, for flying his helicopter into withering fire to save the lives of three United States Army soldiers on the ground. These young men and women have heard their Nation's call and have responded accordingly.

Mr. Speaker, let there be no doubt that if our troops are called again in Iraq, America can expect nothing but the greatest efforts of the greatest military in the world.

There are other heroes in the war on terrorism who should also be honored for making the ultimate sacrifice in defending our Nation from terrorism. Brave Nevadans, such as Jason Disney, Jason Bayer and Matthew Commons, along with all the other members of our military who have died defending our Nation, remind us of the treasured gift of freedom that they have bestowed upon all of us.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we commend our service members on behalf of a grateful Nation. And I know that the American people will continue to pour out their support for all of our troops. As a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, I remember and still appreciate the overwhelming support that was given to our troops and was shown by the American people. The letters, emails and packages sent a very powerful message to my comrades and me that America does care.

America supports the Guardsmen and Reservists who have put on the uniform to fight terror and protect our Nation. America supports the employers who have seen their best employees called into service. America supports the families who have watched their loved ones bravely answer the call to service. Let this resolution say to all our Nation's soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen, America supports you.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the minority leader.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time and for his extraordinary leadership on behalf of the men and women in uniform in his career in Congress. And I commend the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) as well, the chairman of the committee, the two of them, for bringing this resolution to the floor, which I was proud to join my colleague, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. HARMAN) in being an early co-sponsor of.

Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of going to Whiteman Air Force Base with our distinguished colleague, the

gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) to say to the men and women in uniform there how proud we are of them, how proud we are of their patriotism, the sacrifice that they are willing to make. And this weekend I joined the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) to visit our men and women in uniform in the Persian Gulf.

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We had the privilege of representing both sides of the aisle to the young men and women there to say how proud again that we were of them and the sacrifice they were making.

All of us take pride in the many relationships we have with the military. My uncle died in the Battle of the Bulge. My family continues to be proud of the Purple Heart he received. Four of my brothers served, three in the active army, one in the reserve. So when we saw these young people there, it was bringing a lot of history to the conversation.

One young woman we met, Captain Jennifer Schulke, was the commander of the Patriot. She oversaw the Patriot missile. She is so talented, so in control of her situation, so smart, so wise, and so brave. We asked her about her life personally, and she told us that her little baby girl was going to be 2 years old on March 27. She, of course, will not be home for her daughter's birthday. Imagine the sacrifice that this young woman is making, not only with her life, possibly, but also being away from her family.

Mr. Speaker, the stories go on and on. The patriotism is endless. Wherever we stand on this war in terms of policy, we are united in our support and admiration for the men and women in uniform, for their courage, for their patriotism, and for the sacrifice they are willing to make for our country.

The Korean War Memorial has engraved on it, "Freedom is not free." No one knows that better than the men and women in uniform.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING).

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding me this time, and I rise in support of H.J. Res. 27, commending and expressing the gratitude of a grateful Nation to all members of the United States Armed Forces, and particularly the members from the State of Iowa, which has a long history of combat in every single major battle that has taken place since 1846, when Iowa became a State.

Mr. Speaker, Iowa has 16 National Guard bases simply in just the Fifth District of Iowa, and many of those men and women are off now, away from their jobs and family, making their sacrifices and meeting their commitment as they volunteer alongside our full-time members of the Armed Services.

Iowans have suffered greatly over the years in defending our freedom and our

liberty. In particular, the small but mighty town of Red Oak, Iowa, which suffered the highest number of fatalities in combat in World War II on a per capita basis of any community in the United States of America. They were called together one night as a community to receive the announcement as a community that they had lost 20 members of that small community in one single battle in World War II.

That is the level of commitment that Iowa has had from all of its people in supporting our military, and we have strongly supported the members of our Armed Forces. Also, during the Civil War, our percentage of losses as a percentage of the population overall were higher than any other State in the Union.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to point out to the members of this Nation also that our President made a statement the other day in which he said there is only one person that orders our Armed forces into battle, and that is the one who hugs the widows and widowers of those who do not come back home. We also understand that is the same person who hugs the widows and widowers of those lost in the attacks on the World Trade Center, on the Pentagon, and from the crash in Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, while only one person orders them into battle, we all pray for their safety and their safe return.

Our Armed forces are a vanguard for freedom, and the sacrifices they give give hope to all people. There is no training and no equipment too good for our Armed Forces, and I stand here in great appreciation to Iowans and Americans who are defending our freedom and our liberty.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ).

(Mr. ORTIZ asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) and the ranking member, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), for bringing this resolution to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, America's greatness is in our form of government. Our strength is the character of our people and our justice is delivered by brave men and women in the uniform of the United States. Since the Nation was attacked on September 11, Americans have bled and died, rescued countrymen, cleaned up the damage, and carried justice to our enemies in al Qaeda and their sponsors in Afghanistan. This resolution tells our men and women in uniform that this Nation is eternally grateful for their service, an important message to the troops in an atmosphere of question about the Iraqi mission.

This war has required sacrifice for many people: Our Armed Forces, including guardsmen, reserves, their families and their employers. Our citizen soldiers have undergone a serious hard-

ship since this began, as many are beginning their second and third deployment. As we express our condolences to the families of great soldiers lost in Afghanistan and around the world, let us remember that all of our soldiers will give to this effort, and some will give their all.

I still hope that the war in Iraq can be averted, but that hope grows dimmer each day. I thank our troops for their bravery and sacrifice. We pray to God to protect our troops and to give us guidance and wisdom to do what is right.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to, say, to the gentleman who just spoke, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ), that I remember the time when he and I and other members of the committee went down to Honduras when the 82nd Airborne jumped into Honduras to stiffen the spine of the Honduran government, which had seen an invasion of the Sandinistas along their border.

I will never forget, in a national press conference, with lots of cameras, when the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ) was asked the question, "Don't you feel any sympathy with the Sandinistas, based on your ethnicity?" The gentleman told them very simply that he was an American. And I remember him being in many, many inconvenient and difficult places to ensure that our troops were in good shape.

And let me also say, before I yield to the next speaker, and I know my great friend, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ) would agree with this strongly, that we are all very grateful to the employers. Part of this resolution is an expression of "thank you" and gratitude to all the employers in America, whether they are a six-man machine shop or a large corporation, with the accommodations that they give, that America's employers are giving to our reservists, to these citizen soldiers who drop that tool that they are using or get out from behind the wheel of that truck and put on the uniform of the United States and go off, in some cases, for an extended period of time to defend this Nation.

I can just tell my colleagues that there are lots and lots of examples of companies and small businesses which have bent over backwards to take care of those folks and make sure that that job is preserved for them, and going far beyond what is called for by the law and mandated by the law. So I just want to let them know that we really appreciate what they are doing. And I know the gentleman from Texas would agree with that, because there are lots of great employers in south Texas who have done the same thing. Are there not?

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HUNTER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I do agree with the chairman, and I know at least

in my district we have had guardsmen and reservists being activated. They are loyal to that country and they believe in what they are doing.

And let me thank the gentleman from California for his kind words, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I greatly appreciate everything the gentleman is saying.

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his leadership. We appreciate that.

Mr. HUNTER. We will keep working.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY).

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, as the son of a marine who served during World War II in the First Division at Guadalcanal, and a brother who served in the United States Army, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 27, a resolution introduced by Chairman HUNTER, commending the members of the United States Armed Services.

We are all aware that we are well into the second year of operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. In addition, the United States military is deploying hundreds of thousands of troops to the Persian Gulf region. Finally, we are forward deploying additional units in the western Pacific to deter North Korean aggression. From protecting the homeland, winning the war on terrorism, to making the world safe from madmen like Saddam Hussein, the men and women of the United States Armed Services are serving this Nation well. We can all be very proud of their efforts and their sacrifice and that of their families.

I would like to also recognize the often overlooked role of the National Guard and components of the military. Tens of thousands of reservists and guardsmen from Florida are in Afghanistan and in the Middle East. I am continually impressed by these dedicated men and women who gladly go into harm's way to protect the Nation. Let us hope America recognizes our true heroes; not rock stars, not sports athletes, but the men and women who don the uniform of this great Nation who protect freedom everywhere, wherever they are called.

I want to thank Chairman HUNTER, and of course the ranking member, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), for their outstanding leadership in military efforts and affairs. We are indeed proud in this House to have such capable and able people who understand what it is like to fight for this Nation; to fight in battle, to fight for freedom.

So, Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman HUNTER for giving me this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and profound gratitude to our service personnel, and especially to the mothers, daughters, sons, and husbands who willingly let them go to do the hardest job imaginable, to leave family and friends and loved ones, to travel overseas to defend the honor of this great land we call home.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. MARSHALL), who is a member of the Committee on Armed Services and also a veteran, a Ranger, from the Vietnam War.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, and I appreciate his introduction.

I rise today as a veteran myself to thank the men and women who are serving us today overseas. But more so, I rise today for their families. This is a very difficult time for those serving in our Armed Forces, the men and women who are in harm's way, and it is, in another sense, an even more difficult time for their families. Not only is there separation, not only is there an additional workload for the family, but there is also the worry that a loved one in harm's way will be harmed, might not come home, or, if they come home, might be injured in some way.

Mr. Speaker, all of us here in the House would ask that Americans reach out, as we did after 9-11, to the families of those who lost loved ones in that horrible tragedy. Reach out to these families whose loved ones are serving us overseas. They need just a phone call, maybe an invitation to dinner. The employers could provide maybe some flex-time, some time off for a woman to shoulder the additional load that is being placed on her by the absence of her husband. This is the way America should be responding during this time. It is a way all of us can respond, those of us here in the United States who are here today. We can support the loved ones.

While I was in Vietnam, my mother was unable to write me a single letter. She always wrote me. But she could not write me because she was so worried and did not want to think about it. Support for mothers like mine, for wives, for husbands, for daughters, brothers and sisters is something all Americans can give during this time.

Mr. Speaker, I thank those men and women in uniform for their service. I know they are doing their duty. And I also thank all of those who are loved ones here in the United States that are under extraordinary pressure at this time. All Americans should reach out to them.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER), a Gulf War veteran and former very distinguished subcommittee chairman on the House Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding me this time, and I come to the floor as the proud son of an army sergeant, and I have a brother who is a colonel on active duty in the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, I have served our Nation for 22 years, in war and in peace, and I think of my comrades who now find themselves once again on the desert floor. And I think not only about them, but those who also control

the sky, who own the sea, who will take control of the beachheads, and also those who will build the theater of operations and those who support them Stateside and in other countries dispersed around the world.

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I also come to the floor not only thinking of them, about also about the families that they leave behind, the loved one that keeps the watch fires burning, the children who are anxious for mom or dad to come home.

While we think of them, I want the country to focus on two individuals that are helping set the pace, and that is the gentleman from California (Chairman HUNTER) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON). These are two individuals that lead the best bipartisan committee in the United States Congress; it is because of their leadership. The work that the gentlemen did after the Gulf War, all those hearings, all of their dedication to try to get the force structure right, to ensure the right munitions, to move from analog to digital, to make sure that the forces are highly mobile and very lethal, and that those munitions go downrange and hit their targets with precision, all that work the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) and the gentleman from California (Chairman HUNTER) did will see great dividends.

The world saw some of those dividends with regard to Afghanistan. The leadership of the gentlemen to make sure that those forces and special operations were trained and funded, believe me, it saved lives. So as today we want to pay respect and appreciation to those who find themselves in harm's way and to appreciate the sacrifice of the loved ones, I want to say thank you to the gentleman from California (Chairman HUNTER) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), and the staff that work for them, because the things that they have done when nobody was watching is going to save lives not only in Afghanistan, it could be on the Horn of Africa, it could be in the deserts of Iraq once again. I cannot say enough to pay respect to both gentlemen for what they have done.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS), a member of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution that I cosponsor, and I want to thank the gentleman from California (Chairman HUNTER) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) for it as well.

Those in military service to our Nation deserve our strong support in a time of such great uncertainty. But I would also add that their families deserve our support.

Mr. Speaker, each of us has said good-bye to a loved one headed to an airport for a business trip. Now imagine if that trip was halfway around the world and involved great risk. Imagine not knowing when they would be home.

Today, more than 20,000 of our neighbors are in the Middle East. In San Diego and in communities all across the country, spouses and children will eat dinner tonight with an empty chair at the table. They will watch the news and wonder. When we talk to them, they will appear strong, and they are strong; but they need us.

I recently met with a group of Navy ombudsmen, women serving the families of those in their unit. They told me that their husbands have spent their entire careers preparing for what they face today; but they said the families must also prepare for the uncertainty for what they face, and let me tell Members, they are prepared. As we all wait and wonder, let us remember the important role of military families and reach out to them.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY).

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Committee on Armed Services in strong support of the Hunter-Skelton resolution commending the members of the United States Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, the area of Georgia I represent has a long history of involvement with the American military. Thousands of brave men and women from our area have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces to protect and defend the freedoms that we all enjoy. In the current war against terrorism, and other crucial conflicts around the world, the Eleventh Congressional District of Georgia is again providing leading support at home and abroad.

I am proud to represent Fort Benning, which has been training the world's best infantry soldiers since 1918. It is the third largest personnel post, home to 30,000 soldiers, 25,000 family members, and 6,500 civilian employees. Many of these soldiers are presently deployed in the Persian Gulf and other areas around the globe. Thousands more have received training at Fort Benning's Infantry, Ranger and Airborne Training Brigades.

In the northern part of my district, Dobbins Air Reserve Base and Naval Air Station Atlanta also contribute significant support to our current operations. As the home of the 22nd Air Wing, Dobbins has jurisdiction over thousands of activated Air Force reserves who put their personal and professional lives on hold in our Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, I am enormously proud of the men and women in the American military. They are in my prayers every day. I recognize the immense sacrifices that they and their families make in order to protect us, as well as the commitment they demonstrate by serving our Nation. Congress has no greater duty than to match this commitment with appropriate funding for their training, their equipment and benefits

for their families. I urge my colleagues to support our brave servicemembers, not only today through this resolution, but every day they are in Congress.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL), a member of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I am a new member of the Committee on Armed Services and very proud to be serving on that committee under the able leadership of the gentleman from California (Chairman HUNTER) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), the ranking member.

Mr. Speaker, last month I visited the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Amityville, New York, to bid farewell and Godspeed to the Alpha Company of the 6th Communication Battalion. They went willingly; they sacrifice selflessly; they serve proudly. I remember their faces; I remember their families' faces.

Our Nation owes them the legislation before us today, but we owe them much more than that. We must stand with them. We need to protect their jobs, protect their incomes, protect their homes, provide health care for their families while they are away, and just as important, after they return.

We cannot ask men and women who fight for our freedom abroad to fight for their veterans benefits when they return home. We cannot balance the domestic budgets on the backs of those who are willing to fight on our fronts. We have a covenant with these patriots. We have a moral contract with these soldiers. We have a national commitment to these hundreds of thousands of faceless heroes and their families. So as we stand here united in praise of our troops, let us never forget the sustained and long-term obligation we have to our regular Armed Forces, our activated Reserves and our veterans.

They are there for us, and we must be there for them. They are the ones who truly and bravely answer the philosopher's charge: "Freedom must be reinvented in every generation." God bless them. God bless America.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this story of this massive mobilization which has been undertaken is a story of people. It is a story of families and a story of close-knit communities.

We have a group of folks in Operation Home Front in San Diego, California, which is a support group, lots of businesses, lots of great folks, community leaders and lots of community servants, who have gotten together to try to build a group that will be a support group for the families and all the folks who are still at home. They have done a wonderful job.

That model was started by, I believe, Roger Hedgecock, one of our radio talk show hosts, spread throughout San Diego County. I know that idea has spread throughout the country. It is

representative of this great community that does find common ground in this very important first duty and first obligation of our government, which is to ensure the security of its people.

Mr. Speaker, I think there is nothing more descriptive of the support of our uniformed personnel than a letter which was written to a Marine sergeant, Benjamin Harris, by his wife. This letter could just as easily have been written to the battlefield at Gettysburg, sent to a base camp in Vietnam, the Chosin Reservoir during Korea, or the Guadalcanal beachhead during World War II:

"My Dearest Ben, I hope this letter finds you in good spirits. As I look into our son's eyes every day, I see you. I miss you every second we're apart, but there is a reason for our separation. You've been my hero for years, now it's time for the world to see you shine.

"Finally everyone will see all that you stand for, all that you're made of: pride, honor, strength, and a faith that shames most men. Though my heart aches without, I know what my duty as a Marine's wife calls for, and so I give you to our country, to our world, 'to fight for right and freedom,' as a Marine's hymn states. I give you to the families who lost in the attacks on our country, and I give you to the rest of the world. Without men like you, people wouldn't have the freedom to sit down to dinner with their families, to tuck their children into bed at night knowing that they'll be safe. I understand the pain of separation is temporary. If I must give up the sound of your laughter for the sound of my tears, so be it. The sound of my tears then will give me strength as your laughter once did. They are tears of loneliness, anger and fear, but also of pride and love. You are the air I breathe, and while I am lost without you, I know you'll be home soon to find me. God speed, and God bless. Your loving wife, Erica."

Mr. Speaker, that is the story of mobilizations that took place in the last century, that left 619,000 Americans dead on battlefields around the world. That is the story of the American mobilizations which have given freedom to hundreds of millions of people in this world, and which shortly may give freedom to millions more; and it cannot be done without the sacrifices that are manifested in thousands of letters, hundreds of thousands of letters like the one I just read.

To all my colleagues who contributed to this resolution, I want to thank them and thank my great partner in rebuilding our national defense, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON).

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor to serve with the chairman, a veteran himself, who knows so well what we are honoring here today; and I thank

the gentleman for his efforts and for his dedication and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA).

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Chairman HUNTER) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), the ranking member, for their outstanding leadership and services rendered not only to our country, but especially on matters pertaining to defense.

Mr. Speaker, at the most crucial time in our Nation's history, we are faced with the likely prospect of putting our men and women in uniform in harm's way. This is a serious and solemn responsibility not only for our President but also for the Congress of the United States.

Recently, I had the privilege of visiting the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea, along with the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. POMEROY) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FEENEY), and certainly I would like to express our appreciation to General Leon LaPorte who is in charge of some 37,000 of our troops who are stationed there in Korea. I would also like to thank Dr. Edward Feulner, the president of Heritage Foundation, for allowing us to visit the leaders of South Korea. I am deeply aware of the important decisions these leaders have to make in the coming weeks and months.

It was my privilege also to visit my own constituents who are also stationed in Korea including Sergeant Major Special Forces Tui Nua, and 15 other members of my constituents who are on active duty. I especially thank Ambassador Seung Youn Kim for the hospitality and courtesies that he extended by allowing me and my constituents who are serving on active duty in Korea to work together and to enjoy each other's company.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this most fitting resolution.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). The gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) has 1 minute remaining and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) has 12 minutes remaining.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask unanimous consent and with the consent of my great colleague the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) that we might take one of his minutes and thereby be able to yield 2 minutes to our closing speaker, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Total Force, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, that is quite all right. We do yield such minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) will control 1 additional minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HUNTER. What we might do if it is okay with the gentleman from Missouri, perhaps he can continue with his

speakers and then we will wrap up with the gentleman from New York as we get close to the end.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL).

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, first of all, we are very proud of the service of the chairman and ranking member. As I was coming over here, ironically, and I see the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) is here, I got a call from a constituent who thanked me. I did not get a chance to talk with her. I have to call her back. Thanking the five of us who went to central Asia and to the Middle East and the flags we brought to our troops and the greetings from our President and the entire Congress, thanking us for providing a flag to her husband. I am anxious to call her back.

Congresswoman, we are proud of you as well. This was a sobering experience. It was elevating by every stretch of the imagination to be with the troops in the field.

Some may disagree with policy on this floor, but this is America, and we are allowed to do that. The troops understand that there is a difference in debating policy and supporting their efforts. We are 100 percent behind our troops and they know that and we know that as proud Americans. So God bless this country, regardless if you are in Camp Doha, if you are in Coyote, or if you are in New York or New Jersey, if you are in Camp Ganci, named after that great fire chief from New York City, we are here 100 percent in support of you. God bless this great country.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Guam (Mr. BORDALLO).

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I am a new member of the Committee on Armed Services. I would like to recognize the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER), our chairman, and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), our ranking member.

On September 11, 2001, I was acting Governor of Guam. I will remember that day forever. Even though the terrorist attacks occurred thousands of miles away, the people of Guam heard the call to service in defense of our Nation. The 44th Aerial Port Squadron of Guam mobilized to the Middle East and the 368th Military Police Company of Guam has been deployed to Okinawa and mainland Japan. Our first responders, the National Guard, the Reserves and the active duty military are defending this Nation against those that attack innocent civilians.

Our troops are forgoing their families and, in some cases, their livelihoods to combat this threat. So I want to thank them very much for carrying the burden of separation and living with the fear of loss of their loved ones in service of our great Nation. This is a war that cannot be won by force of arms alone, but by the unity and strength of purpose of our Nation. That strength of purpose shines bright in our servicemen and women and they will deliver

victory. They do us all proud. I commend them and thank them for their ongoing successful mission defending the homeland and on the front lines of freedom throughout the world.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EVANS).

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, my congressional district lies a long way from the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, but on September 11 all of America was a victim of this deadly and unprovoked attack. The next day, my office was inundated with calls from young men and women ready to enlist in our Armed Forces to serve in the war against terrorism. Now almost 18 months later, these seasoned soldiers and sailors are on the front line of terrorism, having already served in places like Afghanistan, the Philippines and in the Horn of Africa. I salute their courage and selfless dedication.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL).

Mr. EMANUEL. I thank my colleague from Missouri for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, one of the first acts I did as a Congressman was to expedite the citizenship of a young man, Mano Catchatoorian, who is in the 416th Engineer Command, so he could ship out with his unit to Kuwait on February 24. I cannot think of a better thing than an individual who wanted to become a citizen and move out with his unit so he can join our forces but, most importantly, to be part of his Nation.

I want us all to think about what we are doing today, because we are supporting our troops, we are supporting their families, and we are supporting our communities that will be missing the Little League coaches, the folks who work at the boys clubs, the girls clubs, the Boy Scouts. This is an appropriate thing, because Mano, before he left, he called me the next day, thanked me for what we did to expedite his citizenship. He said to me, "just do me one favor. Don't forget us." I cannot think of a more just act than what we are doing today, regardless of our party, regardless of where we come from, not to forget them.

Although we will vote in this resolution to support our troops, later on tonight I would like us all to put them and their families in our prayers.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN).

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my strong support to the joint resolution of both my colleagues, Chairman HUNTER and also Ranking Member SKELTON. I think not only myself, but all of us have the highest respect for our young men and women, and they deserve our sincerest gratitude, for the Armed Forces in our country do not make foreign policy, they fulfill the tasks that our democracy puts to them with skill and honor.

In my hometown of Houston and throughout Texas, many active duty personnel have been shipped overseas and Reserve and National Guard units are also being called up. The Houston-based 75th Army Training and Support Division has been completely mobilized for the first time since World War II. Just yesterday, the 17,000 strong 1st Cavalry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas, got the call to ship out overseas.

These men and women are not allowed to tell where they are heading or what this mobilization will lead to, but this is a life they volunteered for. The war on terrorism requires sacrifices for many, but the military is always on the front lines defending our national security. After September 11, the work required of our military has greatly expanded, and I believe they are up to the task.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to tell our Armed Forces that our hearts and minds and prayers are with them.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE).

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman HUNTER and Ranking Member SKELTON for bringing this resolution to honor the men and women who are serving. I happen to represent in my district Fort Bragg and Polk, the two bases that are called the 911 posts in this country. Thousands of those men and women are now stationed around the world.

But in addition to what has been said, let me talk about a group of young folks who have not been spoken about today and that is the children of these men and women that have been deployed. They watch TV every night. They hear the stories. Our school personnel deal with them every day. They deserve our help each and every day. They deserve that we do the right thing as we honor the men and women who are serving. As we start our appropriations processes later, we have the obligation to make sure that the children of these men and women are taken care of, because they face some difficult times and our school personnel deal with them on a daily basis with many of the traumas that they face.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlemen for the resolution and encourage it to my colleagues.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS).

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I will be brief because no words can adequately express the debt of gratitude we owe our servicemen and women and their families for the sacrifices they make on behalf of our country. But I do want to commend the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) for sponsoring this important resolution showing our deep respect for our servicemen and women.

I would add one footnote. I hope we will show them our respect with our

deeds and not just with our words and vote on this resolution. I am still bothered by the fact that the budget proposal suggests a cut in Impact Aid military education funding to the children of moms and dads who, as we speak, from my district and others, are being deployed over to the Iraqi theater. With the leadership of these two great supporters of our military families and others on both sides of the aisle, I hope we will support them with this vote today and with our dollars and with our votes on actions that support their quality of life.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

A number of years ago, I had the opportunity to go down to Norfolk Naval Base and watch the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* deploy for its 6-month deployment. There I saw the greatness of America aboard ship as the sailors would wave and also on the dock as the families, the husbands, the wives and the children, they also were and are part of the greatness of America.

Today we see the same scene, of all services, different colored uniforms, those who leave, the men and women being deployed, and of the families waving and saying good-bye, to the children who will not have their mother or their father who are in uniform with them for their birthday, for their graduation. This, of course, is a sacrifice of the military families.

We should remember that the young men and young women in uniform, their families, children, spouses, really form a backbone of greatness in our country. The gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER), my friend, the chairman of our committee, a veteran himself, we thank him for his leadership on this resolution as well as his leadership on the Committee on Armed Services. To all the Americans who are sharing in this worldwide global battle against terrorism, we wish them well.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, with great thanks and respect for my colleague the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) who is the chairman of the Subcommittee on Total Force on Armed Services which has jurisdiction over all those important issues with respect to pay and bonuses and housing and the melding of our Reserve forces and our Guard forces and our active forces together, the guy who cares about over a million men and women in uniform.

Mr. MCHUGH. I thank the chairman for yielding, and I deeply appreciate the ranking member for yielding me some time as well.

Mr. Speaker, it would be impossible for me to even begin to equal the eloquence of my colleagues who have spoken with such passion and such meaning over these past minutes with respect to the subject of this resolution. Our debt of gratitude certainly, as has

been said time and time again, goes to the tremendous bipartisan leadership of two special individuals, two men in whom I hold so much admiration, the chairman the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) and, of course, the ranking member the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON).

This resolution in my mind, Mr. Speaker, would be warranted on any day of the week in any year you might choose. It is obviously particularly important now as we see the demands that we place upon these brave men and women increasingly grow each and every day.

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I too have had a chance to witness these incredible sacrifices. I had the honor just a few weeks ago to travel with a number of my colleagues throughout the European theater, meeting with the Reservists and Guardists and the active component and talked to the folks who too often we forget about, too often we take for granted and do not understand the sacrifices that they leave behind.

The resolution speaks to it very eloquently: the hundreds upon hundreds of people already having given of their lives and by being wounded in combat, the dozens and dozens who have given their lives in its fullest measure, from the loss of life through the battle on terrorism, and yet never with a regret, never with anything more than pride and tears from their families. I think that this resolution, more than any others I have seen in many weeks on this floor, deserves the unanimous support of all of our colleagues; and I would certainly urge each and every one of the Members of this House to support it promptly here today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this joint resolution and commend Chairman Hunter and Rep. Skelton for bringing it to the floor.

Ever since the attack on the United States on September 11, 2001, the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines of the U.S. military—be they active, National Guard, or reserve volunteers—have willingly gone into harm's way to carry out many courageous and successful operations against terrorism that have helped to make us at home safer and more secure.

Threescore or more of our military people have died, and hundreds have been wounded or injured so far in this Global War on Terrorism, but all remain committed to seeing the mission through to the end.

The fight against terrorism has added new missions to our Armed Forces that even prior to September 11th were greatly challenged. The 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum in my district is a case in point. The deployment of division troops to the combat zone in Afghanistan had been matched by deployments of division units to Bosnia, Kosovo and the Sinai, as well as to homeland defense missions in the United States. As one 10th Division officer told the media: "We like to say the sun never sets on the 10th Mountain Division patch. We are literally all over the map."

During the 10th Mountain Division's deployment to Afghanistan, soldiers such as Staff

Sergeant David A. Hruban, Staff Sergeant Randel Perez, Specialist Mark T. Henry, and Sergeant James Rissler of the Division's 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry, distinguished themselves in battle. Specialist Wayne Stanton, also of the Division's 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry, was wounded in the same battle and reenlisted just last week, one year after being wounded, knowing full well that he may soon be redeployed to a combat zone. The heroism of these brave soldiers embodies the commitment and sacrifice of our military personnel.

The ability of our military personnel to sustain the war is closely related to the willingness of their families, and in the case of reservists their employers, to continue making sacrifices. This resolution is an effort to recognize and acknowledge that sacrifice.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, as we approach a possible war with Iraq, the Nation is about to ask our Armed Forces and their families for additional sacrifices. It is thus only right that all members support this joint resolution expressing our gratitude to those who are fighting for us, and reaffirming that Congress stands united with the President in the ongoing effort to defeat global terrorism.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution to commend the members of the United States armed forces.

As a veteran of the United States Army, I know firsthand the contributions our military service personnel make in defense of our nation and the tremendous burden their families are forced to bear. Here in the U.S. House, I serve on the Army Caucus, and I work on a bipartisan basis to support our men and women in uniform. Our service personnel are dedicated, professional and deboted to duty. Congress must stand up for these brave men and women who risk their lives to defend our country, our ideals and our interests around the world.

I have the honor of representing the men and women of Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base. Fort Bragg is truly our nation's "911" base because when America is in trouble, our leaders pick up the phone and call Fort Bragg. The mission at Fort Bragg is to maintain the XVIII Airborne Corps as a strategic crisis response force, manned and trained to deploy rapidly by air, sea and land anywhere in the world, prepared to fight upon arrival and win. Co-located with Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base provides a unique synergy and has played a leading role in the development of U.S. tactics and air-power throughout history. Missions at Pope range from providing airlift and close air support to American armed forces to humanitarian missions flown all over the world. The men and women from these installations, their families and the entire community on a daily basis contribute whatever is asked of them for our country's safety and security.

Mr. Speaker, as America stands on the brink of war, hundreds of thousands of our military personnel have been deployed abroad. They need to know that Congress stands behind them, and this resolution is an appropriate expression of our support. I urge my colleagues to join me in passing this resolution.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to join with my colleagues in commending the continued dedication, selfless service, and commitment of members of the

Armed Forces and their families during the Global War on Terrorism and in defense of the United States.

It's difficult to comprehend that nearly 225,000 members of the National Guard and Reserve components have been mobilized for active duty since the start of the Global War on Terrorism. Of that number, more than 166,000 remain on active duty, with thousands facing a second year of active duty away from families and civilian employment.

Additionally, more than 200,000 active-duty personnel have already been deployed to the Persian Gulf theater and thousands of Reservists and National Guard members have been alerted for mobilization or are deploying for a possible war with Iraq. These men and women are on the front lines of our war on terrorism and anywhere else we have asked them to be. One place they are not, is home. They are missing baseball games, soccer matches and all the other creature comforts we tend to take for granted.

A year is a long time to be away from home and a long time to be wondering what is next. For many of our service members, that year grew by an additional three months, then six months and some are now standing at 2-year deployments. They do so with loyalty and dedication.

Mr. Chairman, during the January work period, I had the opportunity to visit our men and women in uniform stationed in Germany, Italy and France. I was struck by their professionalism and commitment to their assigned duties. They are proud to serve. Simple as that. Of course they miss their families, they miss their home and some miss decent television programming. But they are proud to serve and know they will be home soon enough.

We can never say thanks enough to these men and women but I appreciate the opportunity to thanks today.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the young men and women of our nation and my district who risk their lives daily to protect our nation from global terrorist networks wishing to do us harm. Our men and women in uniform's selfless dedication embodies the spirit of America. I believe the extraordinary commitment of everyday Americans to root out fanatics bent on destroying our way of life will make us successful in the war on terrorism.

This is the first war in our nation's history where we face an enemy that solely targets innocent civilians, regardless of their age, religion, race, or background. And when the call of duty went out to mobilize against this enemy, thousands enlisted and re-enlisted to fight this global threat.

A week after the attacks on America, a 40 year old constituent in my district called me begging to join the war on terrorism. He is a 40 year old married farmer and was willing to forsake his home and career to serve in the U.S. Army. And as you know, there are no "leaves of absence" when you farm. He was willing to give up his farm and accept a temporary separation from his wife to serve in our nation's armed forces. As you can imagine, he called me and wanted assistance in joining because the U.S. Army prohibits enlistments beyond 35 years of age and conforming to this policy he was denied enlistment. But, I commend his unusual, but not uncommon, willingness to serve our nation.

In my position as the Ranking Democratic Member of the House's Veteran's Affairs Committee, I have had numerous veterans approach me and personally volunteer to serve and fight in the war against these terrorists. Veterans as old as 85 have told me they would be willing to join the war on terrorism if their country ever called on them.

While those of us in Congress may differ on how best to deal with Iraq and North Korea, we stand absolutely united on the war on global terrorism and our support for our troops. And as the senior Democrat on the House's Veteran's Affairs Committee, I will do my part to ensure that when these troops return home they are entitled to the protections and benefits guaranteed to every veteran. Their selfless sacrifice and long absence from home must be rewarded. Just as we stand vigilant against any further terrorist acts we must stand together to protect the entitlements and benefits that protect the members of our armed services when they return home.

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, the tragic events of September 11th changed our world forever. Engaged in a war, different from any other in our nation's history, we are once again calling upon the brave members of the U.S. Armed Forces to defend democracy and freedom. At this time, during our war on terrorism, I want to commend every member of our U.S. Armed Forces.

While we all desire peace, when war cannot be avoided, our U.S. Armed Forces put their lives on the line, with some paying the ultimate sacrifice. To all those who wear the uniform we honor and thank you. It is also important to thank and commend the family members of our Armed Services. Through love and support they enable our forces to embark on their difficult battle while trying to maintain their life without their loved ones next to them.

The war on terrorism has just begun. On the frontlines, in America and around the world, are the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces. They are protecting our rights and freedoms, and for this I thank them.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I offer my wholehearted support today for H.J. Res 27, which recognizes and commends the continuing dedication, selfless service, and commitment of members of the Armed Forces and their families in the war on global terrorism and in defense of the United States in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere.

This measure is a simple gesture, but I hope it will convey the profound gratitude we feel for the service provided by our men and women in uniform. Since I was elected to Congress 20 years ago, I have represented Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina, which provides nearly 40 percent of the Air Force capability to "Suppress Enemy Air Defenses." Like most Members, I also represent hundreds of men and women in the National Guard and Reserves, who are contributing to this nation's defense now more than ever before. So I know firsthand of the dedication we recognize today.

To all of you I offer this message. Your dedication to the defense of America, your willingness to go in harm's way, our unparalleled capabilities, and your unequalled bravery warrant our highest praise and deepest appreciation. Wherever you are serving, I extend a heartfelt "thank you." Indeed, we should all thank God that there are such Americans willing to go anywhere and pay the price of de-

fending freedom and the security of this country.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution honoring our brave men and women of the armed services. Their duty and sacrifice are appreciated by all Americans, and it is right that we pay recognition to them today.

The post September 11th world demands increased vigilance on the part of our armed services. With these increased demands, the role of the National Guard is critical in providing the total force necessary to ensure our security. Over the past month, I have met with many National Guard and Reserve members from western Wisconsin who have been called up for service in the global war against terrorism.

Recently, I attended send-off ceremonies in Prairie Du Chien, Platteville, and Richland Center, Wisconsin for units of the Wisconsin National Guard that have been called to duty. These men and women and their families are answering the call of their country, even though some have been given very limited notice by the Department of Defense. In one instance, the time between alert and mobilization was only 2 days, making it increasingly difficult to make arrangements regarding family and work obligations. Every member of the Wisconsin National Guard, however, has reported enthusiastically and without hesitation. They are well-trained, well-motivated and, in short, very impressive individuals. Our country is fortunate to have the quality of individuals in our Armed Forces.

I want to particularly express my appreciation to the members and families of the 229th Engineer Company out of Prairie Du Chien and Platteville, the 829th Engineer Detachment out of Richland Center, and the 1158th Transportation Company with members from Tomah and Black River Falls. These units have been activated and are likely to be deployed overseas.

Over 2,200 members of the Wisconsin Air and Army National Guard are serving on Active Duty. The people of western Wisconsin are proud of their service and the service of all the men and women of our armed services during this important time in our Nation's history. Our appreciation also goes out to the families of these service members for their support and sacrifice during these challenging times.

The American people and the Congress of the United States stand behind our armed service members, and we know they will be successful in their mission.

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Congressman HUNTER and Congressman SKELTON for introducing this important resolution. Now more than ever it is time to recognize and commend all our members of our armed forces for the excellent job they have done, and will continue to do in the war against terrorism.

As the situation in Iraq continues to develop, it is expected that by mid-March more than 250,000 brave American men and women military personnel will have been deployed to the Persian Gulf region. We currently have troops in all of the Persian Gulf states except for Yemen. In addition, tens of thousands of dedicated National Guard personnel and reserve employees have been called to active duty. While it is not yet known where all of these men and women will be deployed, it is known

that they are a key component in the overall force structure.

While the recent focus has and will continue to be on Iraq, it is important to remember that are U.S. armed forces are serving admirably all over the world, and more and more is continually asked of them. Members of the armed forces have been serving for the past seventeen months in the ongoing operations to root out terrorism, and their continued work in Afghanistan, South Korea and other hot spots are just part of their service. Whether providing vital counter-narcotics assistance, training the militaries of other nations in counter-terrorism measures or serving the United States at home, our men and women have made sacrifices that go beyond the call of normal duty.

In conclusion, as we move forward in this war against terrorism, let us remember those who have served us in the past, those who have lost their lives while protecting our nation, and the sacrifices the families of military personnel have made. All members of the U.S. Armed Services, in my State of Delaware and around the world, must be recognized for their outstanding and courageous service in these uncertain times. With passage of this resolution today, we express the gratitude of our Nation.

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution. Not too long ago, I returned from Afghanistan, and other Central Asian countries, where I met with our troops on the front lines of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Speaker, Americans can be very proud of the men and women serving our country in Central Asia. They are true professionals, doing their jobs in very difficult conditions. Troops we met with were in good spirits and morale is high. Yes, our soldiers want to come home—several told me how they miss their wife and kids—but above all they want to finish their mission.

In the coming weeks, U.S. forces may be asked to face combat in the Middle East. No one wants war. If military conflict does come, you can be sure that we have the very best serving our country. They are the latest in a long line of men and women who have served our country with distinction, and to whom we owe our freedom.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, March 4, 2003, the joint resolution is considered read for amendment, and the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- H.R. 743, de novo;
- H.R. 1047, by the yeas and nays;
- House Joint Resolution 27, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to be clear on H.R. 743. Does the Chair have us for a record vote? If not, I will ask for a record vote at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will put the question de novo.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 743, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 743, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 249, nays 180, not voting 5, as follows:

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