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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress to restore the 1
Department of Defense's superior warfighting 2
principles of recruiting, assigning, training, 3
promoting, and retaining personnel solely based on 4
merit and ensuring such personnel maintain and display 5
a warrior ethos, and to name this resolution the 6
"Restoration of America's Readiness (ROAR) 7
Resolution." 8

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States became the world's greatest 9
warfighting nation shortly after its founding, a fact clearly 10
demonstrated in the 1900s and early 2000s through its engagement 11
in two World Wars and several other military campaigns 12
throughout the globe, establishing a deterrent effect that has 13
prevented another World War for almost 80 years; and 14

WHEREAS, The United States' military dominance in 15
warfighting also came about through the ability of personnel to 16
have and maintain a warrior ethos, one in which they are able to 17
transition from being a kind, compassionate individual in 18

peacetime to one who is willing and able to engage an enemy in 19
battle with violence and lethality, and this includes support 20
personnel who may not typically be called upon to engage an 21
enemy face-to-face but nonetheless may find themselves in 22
situations that require them to do so; and 23

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, the United States 24
Department of Defense and its military services have engaged in 25
various practices eroding these warfighting principles to the 26
point at which United States military dominance has been called 27
into serious question. Such practices include: 28

(1) Overemphasizing and relying on diversity and inclusion 29
in all its forms, including gender, gender identity, race, and 30
sexual preference, as a primary determinant in how military 31
forces should be comprised without providing credible and 32
verifiable evidence that such a prescribed composition results 33
in higher job performance, unit effectiveness, and mission 34
accomplishment, as opposed to a model in which a meritocracy- 35
based force composition is used; 36

(2) Making nonsensical "unconscious bias" training 37
mandatory for all military and civilian personnel; 38

(3) Instituting mandatory "emergency use only" COVID-19 39
vaccines with little regard to individual medical concerns in 40
light of the Anthrax vaccine mandate problems of the late 1990s 41
and denying almost all requests for exemptions based on 42
religious grounds, which is particularly troubling given the 43
recent decision by the United States Department of Defense to 44
rescind the COVID-19 vaccine mandate; and 45

(4) Requiring mandatory training at the United States Air 46
Force Academy to incorporate "person-centered" and gender 47
neutral language when describing individuals and to request 48
cadets to consider using the term "parent" or "caregiver" rather 49

than "mother" or "father" as not to offend those that may come 50
from a different parenting background; and 51

(5) Requiring mandatory indoctrination of every cadet at 52
the United States Military Academy in Critical Race Theory, a 53
theory focused on dividing the American population along racial 54
lines, which ignores the progress accomplished within the United 55
States since our Civil War of the 1860s, so as to manufacture 56
voting blocks for radical politicians, and creates distrust of 57
the leadership of the United States Army; and 58

WHEREAS, The United States' military dominance in 59
warfighting came about through reliance on the concept of 60
meritocracy, in which personnel are recruited, assigned to 61
specialties, assigned to positions within a unit, retained, and 62
promoted based on their demonstrated aptitude and performance in 63
the roles they are assigned to perform, regardless of their 64
race, gender, sexual preference, or other person-centric 65
identifiers; and 66

WHEREAS, Such practices are having a detrimental effect on 67
recruitment, as the United States Army was 15,000 soldiers short 68
of its 2022 recruiting goals, the worst recruiting year on 69
record since the Armed Forces switched to an all-volunteer force 70
nearly 50 years ago, and the remaining branches of the Armed 71
Forces are well behind their historic goal rates as they enter 72
into the 2023 recruiting season; and 73

WHEREAS, Recent studies have found that most young 74
Americans are not fit for military service, with the Department 75
of Defense estimating that just two percent of those between the 76
ages of 17 and 21 years have the desired combination of strong 77
academic credentials, adequate physical fitness, and an interest 78
in serving; and 79

WHEREAS, The combination of an incapable and uninterested 80

recruiting age group and non-merit-based practices calls into 81
serious question whether the United States military currently 82
has a sufficient number of members who hold a warrior ethos 83
needed to effectively engage an enemy; and 84

WHEREAS, Those with the necessary warrior ethos currently 85
serving in the United States military are more likely to leave 86
service, and those with the necessary warrior ethos before 87
entering into service are more likely to refrain from enlisting 88
as they discover the composition and practices of the Armed 89
Services as referenced herein; therefore be it 90

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 135th General 91
Assembly, urge the United States Congress to use its 92
authorization and appropriation authorities to prohibit the use 93
of such "woke" social engineering and experimentation practices, 94
which are eroding military effectiveness, and to mandate a 95
return to a merit-based system for military force development 96
and composition; and be it further 97

RESOLVED, That this resolution be known as the "Restoration 98
of America's Readiness (ROAR) Resolution;" and be it further 99

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 100
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 101
President of the United States, the President of the United 102
States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of 103
Representatives, and each member of the Ohio delegation to the 104
United States Congress. 105