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H. RES. 104

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of easing the transition of members of the Armed Forces and their families from military to civilian life.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of easing the transition of members of the Armed Forces and their families from military to civilian life.

Whereas members of the Armed Forces and their families make great sacrifices on behalf of the United States, and, when their active duty service is successfully concluded, members deserve the opportunity to also make a successful transition to the civilian labor force;

Whereas, when transitioning from active duty in the Armed Forces to civilian employment, members often face bar-

riers that make it difficult to fully utilize the skills and training they gained during their military service;

Whereas members and veterans are too often required to repeat education or training in order to receive industry certifications and State occupational licenses, even though their military training and experience often overlaps with the certification or licensing requirements;

Whereas, when members are transferred from military assignment to military assignment, their spouses often face barriers to transferring their credentials and to securing employment in their new location;

Whereas more than one million members will make the transition to civilian life in the coming years;

Whereas the Department of Defense established the Military Credentialing and Licensing Task Force in 2012; and

Whereas the Joining Forces program, a national initiative to mobilize all sectors of society to give members of the Armed Forces and their families the opportunities and support they have earned, will make it easier for members and their families to transfer skills learned while the member was serving in the Armed Forces to civilian employment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the Federal Government and State govern-
4 ments should make the transition of a member of
5 the Armed Forces and the member's spouse from
6 military to civilian life as seamless as possible by
7 creating opportunities for the member and spouse to

1 earn, while the member is in the Armed Forces, ci-
2 vilian occupational credentials and licenses, with an
3 emphasis on well-paying industries and occupations
4 that have a high demand for skilled workers, includ-
5 ing: manufacturing, information technology, trans-
6 portation and logistics, health care, and emergency
7 medical services;

8 (2) the Federal Government should assist State
9 governments in translating military training and ex-
10 perience into credit towards professional licensure;
11 and

12 (3) State governments should streamline ap-
13 proaches for assessing the equivalency of military
14 training and experience, and accelerate occupational
15 licensing processes for members, veterans, and their
16 spouses.

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