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Recognizing the patriotism and contributions of veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers.

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Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. CASE, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. STEWART, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. SELF, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. POSEY, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BABIN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. FALLON, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. EZELL, and Mr. COLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the patriotism and contributions of veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers.

Whereas for nearly a century, veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers have served as a complementary and integral part of supporting members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their families;

Whereas, since their inception, veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers have proudly supported members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and the families of those who have served, volunteering millions of hours and raising billions of dollars;

Whereas veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers have representatives in all 50 States, territories, and abroad;

Whereas auxiliary units of veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers have more than 1,000,000 members and are composed of wives, widows, mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and granddaughters of veterans, as well as veterans themselves;

Whereas veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers have raised money to aid and enhance the lives of members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their families through financial support—providing assistance with essentials such as rent, child care, utilities, and food;

Whereas veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers host “stand-downs” that focus on providing vital health and support services to homeless veterans;

Whereas veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers strengthen their local communities by conducting food drives, visiting hospitals, and providing scholarships to youth;

Whereas veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers serve as advocates for veterans and their families;

Whereas veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers conduct welcome home and send-off events for members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas section 1491 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 578 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–65), directed the Department of Defense to provide every veteran, upon request, a funeral honors detail consisting of at least two uniformed service members, a flag ceremony, and the playing of Taps;

Whereas veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers provide military honor ceremonies for fallen veterans and their families and for their commitment and sacrifice to ensure veterans are laid to rest with the honor and ceremony they earned through selfless service to the people of the United States in the Armed Forces;

Whereas members of veteran service organizations selflessly volunteer their services at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs throughout the country to enhance the lives of veterans and their families; and

Whereas each year, auxiliary units of veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers raise millions of dollars for cancer research: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors and recognizes the patriotism and
3 countless contributions to the United States by gen-
4 erations of veterans service organizations, veteran
5 advocacy groups, and volunteers;

1 (2) commends members of veterans service or-
2 ganizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers
3 in the United States, territories, and abroad for
4 their dedicated service to and support of members of
5 the Armed Forces and veterans as well as their fam-
6 ilies and communities;

7 (3) encourages the people of the United States
8 to promote awareness of the contributions and dedi-
9 cation of members of veterans service organizations,
10 veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers to members
11 of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their families;
12 and

13 (4) calls on the people of the United States to
14 follow the noble example of the veterans service or-
15 ganizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers
16 and volunteer support and services to those who
17 have selflessly served the United States.

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