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H. RES. 1295

Recognizing and commemorating the efforts and contributions of outstanding female veterans of the Armed Forces, and the vital roles women play today as service members in the defense of the Nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commemorating the efforts and contributions of outstanding female veterans of the Armed Forces, and the vital roles women play today as service members in the defense of the Nation.

Whereas since before the founding of the Republic, women have been vitally important to the progress of our Nation by honorably serving as sister, daughter, mother, and spouse, fulfilling the needs of families, and helping build the Nation;

Whereas with the advent of social enlightenment, economic and social necessity, and women's greater independence, women have contributed enormously to the workforce in

virtually all fields of private and public endeavors, including in the sciences, arts, government, business, and industry;

Whereas women are serving, and have served, the Nation as uniformed members and officers of our armed services, and have distinguished themselves in the Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard, and Coast Guard Reserve services;

Whereas women perform admirably and efficiently as combat engineers, pilots (including high performance combat fixed wing and rotary aircraft), sailors, military judge advocates, civil affairs personnel, military police, nurses, physicians, mechanics, and technicians, and in the pursuit of crafts of every kind necessary to an effective military;

Whereas women have been called by the Armed Forces to serve arduous tours of duty in hardship military postings throughout the world, sacrificing private career, home, and hearth in order to defend the Nation;

Whereas women serving in military combat deployments equal to their male counterparts have exposed themselves to harsh environments, dangerous duty, and the multiple hazards of combat in foreign lands, and as a result have sustained severe injury, illness, and in some cases made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation; and

Whereas women who have served and sacrificed in the armed services deserve the gratitude of a grateful Nation, including proper memorialization for their loss, just compensation for their wounds, effective health care and re-

habilitation, opportunities for education, vocational rehabilitation and training, and the Federal Government's efforts to aid them in achieving full recovery from military service-related wounds and illnesses: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the important contributions of fe-
3 male military service members to the Nation's home-
4 land security and military defense;

5 (2) recognizes the need of the Federal Govern-
6 ment, primarily through the Department of Veterans
7 Affairs, to increase and enhance the number and
8 types of programs made available for the use of fe-
9 male veterans, including those who are disabled, who
10 need specialized care to aid in their recoveries and
11 rehabilitation;

12 (3) supports and salutes the growing role of
13 women in active and reserve military service, and in
14 elements of the Nation's National Guard; and

15 (4) encourages the people of the United States
16 to honor and give appropriate recognition to female
17 veterans who have ably served our Nation in the
18 Armed Forces.

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