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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOW NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS AND MILITARY RESERVISTS WITH TWENTY OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE TO RETIRE WITH FULL RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

1 WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,  
2 continue to have repercussions today; and  
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4 WHEREAS, thousands of military service members and their  
5 families are in the midst of coping with troop deployments to  
6 dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world, such as  
7 Iraq and Afghanistan; and  
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9 WHEREAS, in addition, many of those who have already  
10 completed one tour of duty face re-deployment in what the United  
11 States Department of Defense describes as the largest series of  
12 troop rotations since World War II; and  
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14 WHEREAS, for instance, approximately eighty-five thousand  
15 regular, United States reserves, and national guard troops have  
16 been or will be deployed to Iraq as part of the rotation; and  
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18 WHEREAS, such a massive mobilization and deployment of  
19 United States forces has not left Hawaii untouched; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the assigned strength of the Hawaii Army National  
22 Guard and Hawaii Air National Guard stands at around three  
23 thousand and twenty-five hundred, respectively; and  
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25 WHEREAS, as of January 2005, over eighty per cent of the  
26 Hawaii Army National Guard, including the entire 29th Brigade  
27 Combat Team, had been mobilized for deployment to either Iraq or  
28 Afghanistan; and  
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30 WHEREAS, even beyond the sheer numbers, however, the  
31 effects of the call-up of the national guard were substantial;  
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34 WHEREAS, although national guard and reserve members  
35 recognize their duty and are willing to serve their nation, the



