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H. CON. RES. 486

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

Received and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring military unit family support volunteers for their dedicated service to the United States, the Armed Forces, and members of the Armed Forces and their families.

Whereas members of the Armed Forces and their families make significant sacrifices on behalf of the United States;

Whereas the military necessity of long deployments, frequent relocations, and infrequent family contact for members of the Armed Forces can be extremely challenging for members and their families;

Whereas, in response to these sacrifices and challenges, military unit family support volunteers from each branch of the Armed Forces have stepped forward to provide members of the Armed Forces and their families critical support while members are deployed;

Whereas military unit family support volunteers consist of the Army Family Readiness Volunteers, Navy Ombudsmen, Air Force Spouses Together and Ready volunteers (STARs), and Marine Key Volunteers (KVs);

Whereas military unit family support volunteers are generally spouses of members of the Armed Forces, and they provide assistance to military families while also enduring the challenges of military life;

Whereas military unit family support volunteers are motivated by the desire to improve the lives of other military families and to assist future generations;

Whereas military unit family support volunteers serve as liaisons between military commands and families, often serving as information conduits between the two groups;

Whereas military unit family support volunteers also connect the community with military families and local military installations, often leveraging donations and resources to the advantage of the military families; and

Whereas military unit family support volunteers provide their services on a voluntary basis, with little public recognition and no financial assistance, and often contribute their own resources to help other military families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress recognizes and honors the

1 military unit family support volunteers of each branch of
2 the Armed Forces who selflessly devote their time, talent,
3 and energy in service to the United States and commends
4 military unit family support volunteers for their dedicated
5 contributions to the Armed Forces and the quality of life
6 of members of the Armed Forces and their families.

Passed the House of Representatives September 22,
2004.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.