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Commending the members of the United States Armed Forces.

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Mr. SKELTON (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. DICKS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. ISRAEL, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BOYD, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ROSS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. JOHN, Mr. TANNER, Mr. HOLT, Mr. ETHERIDGE, and Mr. ORTIZ) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

JOINT RESOLUTION

Commending the members of the United States Armed
Forces.

Whereas the members of the United States Armed Forces have a long history of exceptional service to the country, including valiant heroism in combat;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces have for decades served with distinction abroad and in so doing have strengthened alliances between the United States and other countries;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces continue to further peace and stability in many regions of the world through contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United Nations;

Whereas since September 11, 2001, members of the United States Armed Forces have promoted homeland security throughout the United States by performing various missions, including providing security at the Nation's airports, protecting the public at special events, and patrolling the Nation's skies with combat air patrols;

Whereas these post-September 11, 2001, missions have been in addition to other regular military missions and have been performed without any increase in the size of the Armed Forces;

Whereas since the commencement of Operation Enduring Freedom, members of the Armed Forces have demonstrated exceptional effectiveness in combating terrorism and in bringing stability to struggling nations like Afghanistan;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces are helping around the world to train the militaries of other nations in counter-terrorism operations;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces even now are serving, in the Persian Gulf, on the Korean peninsula, and elsewhere, as a deterrent to those who might repudiate diplomacy and fail to honor their international commitments;

Whereas the members of the National Guard and Reserve have played integral roles in the performance of every military mission and continue to be critical to the effectiveness of the total force; and

Whereas the ability of members of the Armed Forces to perform their missions requires the support and sacrifice of their families and the commitment to go wherever the Nation needs them: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That Congress—

4 (1) commends all members of the United States
5 Armed Forces (whether on active duty, in the Na-
6 tional Guard, or in the Reserve) for their exemplary
7 service to the Nation in combating terrorism and in
8 preserving peace and stability throughout the world;

9 (2) applauds the supportive efforts of the fami-
10 lies of members of the Armed Forces in helping to
11 make possible their dedicated service to the Nation;
12 and

13 (3) commits itself to supporting the Nation's
14 servicemembers as they carry out the missions to
15 which they are assigned.

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