

**Expand Reserve Component Reduced Eligibility Age Retirement
(6: Pay and Allowances)
Resolution No. 24-15**

WHEREAS, over 1,000,000 National Guard and Reserve members have been mobilized since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, other Reserve component members have been deployed under existing Presidential recalls; and

WHEREAS, since 1971 when the draft was ended, the Global War on Terrorism relied on an all-volunteer force including at times close to 40 percent Reserve Component forces in-theater at the height of the mobilization; and

WHEREAS, 31.2 percent of reserve component members deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, compared with 32 percent of the active component (Defense Manpower Data Center); and

WHEREAS, our nation provided a fighting force without recourse to a draft because the RC surged to the battle front to enhance and reinforce our active forces; and

WHEREAS, the Reserve and Guard are making family and civilian career sacrifices, and are taking the same risks as their active duty counterparts; and

WHEREAS, the FY08 National Defense Authorization Act (effective Jan. 29, 2008) amended Title 10 United States Code, Section 12731, to reduce the reserve retirement eligibility age for each aggregate of 90 days of qualifying active duty but only for officers while enlisted AGRs were excluded; and

WHEREAS, Reserve Component retirement costs are typically only one-fourth of an active duty retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Officers Association, d.b.a. Reserve Organization of America, urges Congress to expand retirement options for Guard and Reserve members from 2001 to 2008 when legislation was initially enacted and to appropriate funds in support of the provision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this is not funded through offsets and reductions to the current compensation system or from reductions in reserve force structure, readiness, or training.

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