

**Fund the TriService Nursing Research Program
(4: Health & Dental Care)
Resolution No. 25-01**

WHEREAS, the TriService Nursing Research Program (TSNRP) was originally earmarked in 1992 by Senator Daniel K. Inouye (HI) to support military nurses conducting research to improve nursing practices, save lives, and support the national defense; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Congress authorized TSNRP through Sec. 741 of Public Law No. 104-106, the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996*, which required the Secretary of Defense to establish a “military nursing research program” at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU); and

WHEREAS, TSNRP, as established by Congress, is the only Department of Defense (DoD) program that enables nurses of the Armed Forces to conduct military focused health research; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, TSNRP has been a valuable investment, with more than 500 cumulative research projects producing many select discoveries and improved care outcomes; and

WHEREAS, nurses from the reserve components, active-duty, and retirees are eligible to apply for funding from TSNRP; and

WHEREAS, funding for TSNRP remained at a static level of \$6 million between 2011 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, following the 2020 DoD Cost Assessment & Program Evaluation of USU, \$4 million was removed from TSNRP; and

WHEREAS, TSNRP is currently supported through congressionally directed funding and does not have a permanent line item in DoD’s budget;

WHEREAS, quality of care for military beneficiaries is hampered without a dedicated budget line and sensible growth in funding for TSNRP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Organization of America urges Congress to create a permanent budget line for TSNRP within DoD’s budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress increase TSNRP funding on an annual basis, in accordance with the needs of TSNRP.

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