

**Family Readiness Parity for the Reserve Components
(3: Family Support)
Resolution No. 23-15**

WHEREAS, upon mobilization and deployment, the needs of Reserve Component service members and their families are like those of an active component service member during deployment; and

WHEREAS, the *Commission on the National Guard and Reserve* also recognized that there are deficiencies in the mechanisms and programs intended to support the unique demands that mobilization(s) and deployment(s) place on Reserve Component service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense, despite initial lack of funds and emphasis, has strived to meet these needs with the creation of a robust Family Readiness System embracing all the military services that address mobility and deployment assistance, relocation assistance, personal financial management, spouse education and career services, family life education, emergency family assistance, domestic abuse prevention and response, as well as other critically needed family services; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, expanding requirements and increasing responsibilities for supporting families, which is threatened by lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, as recent as 2019, Congress made changes to the Transition Assistance Program to ensure better outcomes for program participants; and

WHEREAS, ROA applauds the President, Congress, and the Department of Defense on the substantial advances in reserve component focused family readiness programs; and

WHEREAS, ROA acknowledges that improvements can still be made in the services and support programs offered to Reserve Component service members and their families during the time spent reintegrating back into civilian life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association, d.b.a. Reserve Organization of America, urges the President to propose and Congress to provide appropriations that sustain dynamic family readiness programs for the National Guard and Reserve and address all levels of their support to national defense; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that programs such as the Transition Assistance Program and Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program be structured, funded, and staffed to ensure the unique needs of reintegrating National Guard and Reserve service members and their families are effectively met.

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