

House Resolution 1137

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to support the
2 members of the armed forces by using the last portion of service before discharge to support
3 and repair the mental and physical health of our service men and women by passing laws to
4 accomplish this goal; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, military recruits are trained in the art of service and war and as soldiers rise to
6 exceptional proficiency levels, successfully fulfilling their tours of duty; and

7 WHEREAS, upon the completion of his or her tour, if he or she is suffering from post
8 traumatic stress disorder, he or she is often summarily discharged and, if deemed necessary,
9 referred to the Veteran's Administration for help; and

10 WHEREAS, despite the Veteran's Administration many valuable contributions to the health
11 of service men and women, it has had limited success in fully and successfully assisting all
12 veterans with problems and issues related to post traumatic stress disorder and other service
13 related issues; and

14 WHEREAS, veterans of armed forces should receive assistance before leaving the service
15 and returning to civilian life; and

16 WHEREAS, if service members receive the necessary support prior to discharge, many could
17 be saved from being homeless, having broken families, or being in the prison system, which
18 saves not only lives and families but federal money as well; and

19 WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of this great nation that our service members be restored to
20 their whole selves, in mind and body, prior to being returned to life as a civilian, if at all
21 possible.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body urge the United States Congress and the President of the United
24 States to legislate for and provide assistance supporting and repairing the mental and physical
25 health of our service personnel prior to their discharge from the armed forces.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 United States Congress and the President of the United States.