

## House Resolution 476

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Congress to enact legislation to ensure that spouses of active duty service members  
2 are able to obtain the retirement benefits that they have earned by combining vesting service  
3 across multiple public pension plans and for President Joe Biden to sign that legislation into  
4 law; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, spouses of active duty service members make many sacrifices in support of  
6 their spouse and for the benefit of this country; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Defense, about one-third of  
8 military service members experience a permanent change of station move every year; and

9 WHEREAS, when service members must permanently change their duty station, their  
10 spouses often relocate with them, putting their own careers on hold and halting any progress  
11 toward vesting in most public or private pensions; and

12 WHEREAS, while creditable service is offered through many public pensions to military  
13 veterans under certain conditions, the spouses of such veterans are unable to participate based  
14 upon their own public careers; and

15 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America enacted the Military Spouses  
16 Retirement Security Act in 2022 in acknowledgment of the hurdles for retirement savings  
17 faced by military spouses; and

18 WHEREAS, it must fall to the Congress of the United States of America to develop a  
19 comprehensive, interstate plan that guarantees military spouses the right to accrue creditable  
20 service toward vesting in one public pension fund based upon creditable service that they  
21 earned in other public pensions where their active duty spouse was stationed.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body urge the United States Congress to enact legislation to allow  
24 military spouses to accrue creditable service toward vesting in one public pension fund based  
25 upon creditable service earned while a military spouse in other public pension funds, and for  
26 President Joe Biden to sign that legislation into law.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 public and the press.