

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the 100th anniversary of the Reserve Organization of America, formerly known as the Reserve Officers Association.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the 100th anniversary
2 of the Reserve Organization of America, formerly known as the
3 Reserve Officers Association.

4 *Whereas, The Reserve Officers Association, now known as*
5 *the Reserve Organization of America (ROA), was founded on*
6 *October 2, 1922, by the General of the Armies John J. "Black*
7 *Jack" Pershing and 140 other officers at the Willard Hotel in*
8 *Washington, D.C.;*

9 *Whereas, The founders of the ROA, who were veterans of*
10 *World War I, believed that the United States was vulnerable to*
11 *returning to the state of unreadiness that preceded World War*
12 *I and that they needed to prevent the same level of unreadiness*
13 *in future conflicts;*

14 *Whereas, The ROA Department of Indiana was*
15 *incorporated on March 22, 1929, to support adequate national*
16 *defense through grass-roots efforts in the state and to care for*
17 *servicemembers in the Reserve and Indiana National Guard,*
18 *their families, and Hoosier veterans of the Reserve*
19 *Components;*

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1 *Whereas, In January 1942, the ROA made certain that*
2 *more than 100,000 officers were available for the United*
3 *States' entry into World War II, around whom the Army would*
4 *build a fighting force of more than eight million;*

5 *Whereas, The ROA grew in membership from its inception*
6 *by admitting women in 1927, members of the Department of the*
7 *Air Force in 1947, and merging with organizations for the*
8 *Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Reserve Officers of the*
9 *Naval Service in 1948;*

10 *Whereas, The ROA's role as a respected advocate for*
11 *national security and readiness was formalized through a*
12 *congressional charter in 1950 by President Harry S. Truman,*
13 *one of the early members of the ROA and a combat veteran who*
14 *served in both the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve;*

15 *Whereas, The ROA has effectively advocated on behalf of*
16 *members of the Reserve and National Guard on numerous*
17 *topics, including securing 20-year Reserve retirements, drill*
18 *pay, pay raises for reservists, establishing the Reserve*
19 *command in the armed services, extending VA home loans to*
20 *members of the Reserve Component, and increasing the*
21 *procurement of equipment and construction for the Reserve*
22 *Component;*

23 *Whereas, The ROA was instrumental in the adoption of the*
24 *Reserve Forces Bill of Rights and Vitalization Act, which*
25 *established the Selected Reserve in each service, provided*
26 *adequate fiscal and equipment support for the Selected Reserve,*
27 *established assistant secretaries for reserve affairs, and*
28 *designated a general or flag officer responsible for reserve*
29 *affairs for each armed force;*

30 *Whereas, Following the 2018 national convention, the ROA*
31 *became the only all ranks and all services military service*
32 *organization that exclusively advocates for the Reserve and*
33 *National Guard in the United States; and*



1 *Whereas, In 2022, the Reserve Organization of America*
2 *celebrated 100 years of serving the servicemembers and*
3 *veterans of the uniformed services and the Reserve*
4 *Components, their families, and reserve employers: Therefore,*

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
6 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

7 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors the 100th
8 anniversary of the Reserve Organization of America, formerly
9 known as the Reserve Officers Association, and recognizes the
10 role the Association has played in advocating for national
11 security and readiness, strengthening the strategic and
12 operational role of the Reserve Component, and for supporting
13 the servicemembers, family members, and employees of the
14 Reserve Component.

15 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
16 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Reserve
17 Organization of America Department of Indiana.

