

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BEAULLIEU, BOURRIAQUE, ROBBY CARTER, COX, DEVILLIER, EDMONDS, EMERSON, GAINES, GREEN, HARRIS, HODGES, HORTON, HUGHES, HUVAL, JEFFERSON, MIKE JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, LANDRY, MARCELLE, MARINO, ORGERON, CHARLES OWEN, PIERRE, SEABAUGH, STEFANSKI, TURNER, WHITE, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR CATHEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation to expand the Department of Defense SkillBridge program to provide post-service employment assistance for reserve members of the National Guard and to urge and request the Department of Economic Development, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, and private companies in the state of Louisiana, such as but not limited to Amazon.com, Inc., to agree to participate in the program by providing post-service employment opportunities to program participants.

WHEREAS, a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center found that only one in four veterans had a civilian job prepared for when the veteran left military service; and

WHEREAS, among post September 11, 2001, veterans, forty-three percent reported that it took more than six months after leaving service to find a job, with six percent of those reporting no success in finding employment after leaving service; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation has been enacted to allow the military departments of the states to carry out one or more programs to provide eligible members of the armed forces under the jurisdiction of the military department with in-demand skills training and employment assistance for members who are within one hundred eighty days of transitioning to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, the SkillBridge program provides servicemembers with job training, employment skills training, and apprenticeship programs; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the SkillBridge program has been successful at connecting veterans to prospective employers who are ready to hire for skilled civilian jobs after their military service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation to expand the SkillBridge program to provide eligible reserve members of the National Guard with training and skills necessary to help prepare such members for employment in the civilian sector.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Economic Development and the Louisiana Workforce Commission to work with the SkillBridge program to coordinate state employment opportunities for program participants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request private companies in the state of Louisiana, such as Amazon.com, Inc., to work with the SkillBridge program to provide jobs and work placement for program participants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, the secretary of the Department of Economic Development, and the secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE