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S. RES. 820

Honoring the 100th anniversary of the Reserve Officers Association, now known as the Reserve Organization of America.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the 100th anniversary of the Reserve Officers Association, now known as the Reserve Organization of America.

Whereas the Reserve Officers Association was founded on October 2, 1922, by the General of the Armies John J. “Black Jack” Pershing and other veterans at the Willard Hotel in Washington, DC;

Whereas the founders of the Reserve Officers Association, who were veterans of World War I, believed that the United States was vulnerable to returning to the state of unreadiness that preceded World War I and that they needed to prevent the same level of unreadiness in future conflicts;

Whereas the Reserve Officers Association was chartered by President Harry S. Truman, one of the early members of the Reserve Officers Association, in the Act entitled “An Act to Incorporate the Reserve Officers Association of the United States”, approved June 30, 1950 (64 Stat. 312, chapter 431);

Whereas the congressional charter established the Reserve Officers Association, now known as the Reserve Organization of America, “to support a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security”;

Whereas the Reserve Organization of America is the only all ranks, all services, military service organization for the Reserve and National Guard, also known as the Reserve components, in the United States;

Whereas, in 2022, the Reserve Organization of America celebrates 100 years of serving the servicemembers and veterans of the uniformed services and the Reserve components, their families, and reserve employers; and

Whereas the Reserve Organization of America was instrumental in the adoption of the Reserve Forces Bill of Rights and Vitalization Act (Public Law 90–168; 81 Stat. 521), which, among other measures, established the Selected Reserve in each service, provided adequate fiscal and equipment support for the Selected Reserve, and established assistant secretaries for reserve affairs and designated a general or flag officer responsible for reserve affairs for each Armed Force: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes that the Reserve Organization of
2 America is a respected advocate for national security
3 and readiness;

4 (2) honors the vital role the Reserve Organiza-
5 tion of America has played throughout the organiza-
6 tion's 100 years of service in strengthening the stra-
7 tegic and operational role of the Reserve components
8 of the United States military; and

9 (3) supports the Reserve Organization of Amer-
10 ica's focus on the readiness of the Reserve compo-
11 nents and the care of those who serve in the Reserve
12 and National Guard, their families, and veterans of
13 the Reserve components.

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