



H.Con.Res. 181– Recognizing and commending all volunteers and other persons who provide support to the families and children of members of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States

Floor Situation

H.Con.Res. 181 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Solomon Ortiz (D-TX) on June 28, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but was not considered.

H.Con.Res. 181 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on September 5, 2007.

Summary

H.Con.Res. 181 recognizes and commends all volunteers and other persons who provide support to the families and children of members of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States and honors military families and the non-governmental organizations that support them.

Background

Currently, there are 1.2 million children who are the sons or daughters of members of the Armed Forces, including more than 153,000 children of members of reserve components. More than one third of these children are under the age of five.

The Department of Defense recognizes that the family of a deployed member of the Armed Forces also serves and has made a commitment to military families by establishing goals for a New Social Compact with members of the Armed Forces and their families.

The Government also makes significant resources available to families and children of members of the Armed Forces who reside on or near a military installation. However, resources for families and children of deployed Reserve and National Guard members are often difficult to access because the families do not reside near a military installation. There are several non profits including: Our Military Kids, Inc., Parents as Teachers, Citizen Soldier Support program, Operation Homefront Inc., American Military Families,

Inc., and Kids Serve 2 that assist in helping the families of Reservists and National Guardsmen as they serve overseas.

Cost

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored H.Con.Res. 181.

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