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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

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A Resolution urging congressional action to allow all eligible veterans to receive concurrently both their full military retired pay and military disability compensation.

WHEREAS, those persons who have served in the nation's armed forces should be honored for their service; and

WHEREAS, veterans who become disabled while serving our country are rightfully compensated for their disability; and

WHEREAS, veterans who have served our country and have earned a military retirement are rightfully compensated for this service; and

WHEREAS, legislation in place since the 19th century has required that veterans who are retired and disabled have their retirement pay reduced one dollar for each dollar of disability compensation they receive; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation has been introduced for several years seeking to eliminate this inequitable burden on our nation's veterans; and

WHEREAS, the federal National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2004 will phase out, over 10 years, the ban on concurrent receipt of both military retired pay and disability compensation for retirees but only for disabilities rated 50 percent or higher; and

WHEREAS, military retirees with disabilities rated

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1 less than 50 percent should be just as deserving of
2 relief from the ban on receiving both their military
3 retired pay and disability compensation that they have
4 earned; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the United
6 States Congress be urged to pass, and the President be
7 urged to sign, legislation to provide full relief for
8 all eligible veterans from the law that requires a
9 dollar-for-dollar offset of military retired pay for
10 disability compensation received by certain veterans
11 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of
14 this Resolution, duly authenticated by the Iowa
15 Secretary of the Senate, be transmitted to the
16 Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
17 States, and to each member of the Iowa congressional
18 delegation.

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