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STATE GOVERNMENT

1                   HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29  
2                                   BY VAN MAANEN  
3                   (COMPANION TO LSB 2441SS BY GIANETTO)  
4 A Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the  
5 United States to allow retired members of the  
6 United States Armed Forces who have a service-  
7 connected disability to concurrently receive  
8 retired pay and disability compensation.  
9       WHEREAS, persons retired from military service are  
10 required by law to waive from their longevity  
11 retirement pay an amount equal to the compensation for  
12 service-connected disability paid by the United States  
13 Department of Veterans Affairs; and  
14       WHEREAS, retired military personnel are the only  
15 federal personnel required to waive the compensation;  
16 and  
17       WHEREAS, the waiver is discriminatory and unjust;  
18 and  
19       WHEREAS, the military retirement system is unique  
20 because it is the top incentive for high quality  
21 people to consider making a career in the United  
22 States Armed Forces and is a central issue in  
23 sustaining active duty retention and readiness; and  
24       WHEREAS, military retired pay is purely earned  
25 compensation; and  
26       WHEREAS, large financial sacrifices already have  
27 been imposed on career military members; and  
28       WHEREAS, the long-term retired pay, plus service-  
29 connected disability compensation, will trail  
30 inflation as the military population declines and

1 lower cost-of-living adjustment rules take effect for  
2 those persons who came on active duty after 1986; and

3 WHEREAS, currently only about 17 percent of those  
4 who enter military service are thinking of making the  
5 military service a career, citing unwillingness to  
6 endure the sacrifices of hazardous duty, family  
7 separation, frequent moves, forfeiture of personal  
8 freedoms, and a forced midlife career change after 20  
9 years of service; and

10 WHEREAS, military members are compelled by law and  
11 policy to retire in their forties, which is the point  
12 of their maximum financial need because of college-age  
13 children, home mortgages, and the need for family  
14 health care insurance, and their own retraining needs,  
15 as most retirees served in the combat arms  
16 skills--infantry, artillery, and armor--and have no  
17 immediate transferable civilian career field job  
18 opportunities; NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
20 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Congress of the United  
21 States be urged to adopt H. 65 which will allow  
22 retired members of the United States Armed Forces who  
23 have service-connected disabilities to concurrently  
24 receive retired pay without reduction of the amount of  
25 their United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
26 disability compensation.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
28 resolution be sent to the Governor of Iowa, the  
29 President of the United States, the President of the  
30 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States

1 House of Representatives, and the members of Iowa's  
2 congressional delegation.

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