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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY LUNDBY  
1 3 A Resolution celebrating the 100th birthday of the  
1 4 United States Army Reserve, honoring the commitment,  
1 5 dedication, and service to America, and wishing for  
1 6 its continued support to our soldiers.  
1 7 WHEREAS, in 1908, the nation's leaders, knowing  
1 8 that the most up-to-date medical experience resided in  
1 9 the civilian sector, created the first reservoir of  
1 10 trained officers in a reserve status known as the  
1 11 Medical Reserve Corps; and  
1 12 WHEREAS, today, over 67 percent of the Army's  
1 13 medical assets lie within the Army Reserve; and  
1 14 WHEREAS, in 1916, Congress passed the National  
1 15 Defense Act, creating the Officers' Reserve Corps, the  
1 16 Enlisted Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officers'  
1 17 Training Corps, later named the Organized Reserve  
1 18 Corps (ORC), all of which are forerunners of the  
1 19 current Army Reserve; and  
1 20 WHEREAS, in World War I, 89,500 reserve officers  
1 21 were mobilized and during World War II, 200,000  
1 22 members of the ORC participated, with reserve officers  
1 23 providing 29 percent of the Army's officers; and  
1 24 WHEREAS, in 1952, legislation renamed the ORC as  
1 25 the Army Reserve and then divided it into three  
1 26 reserves, a Ready Reserve, a Standby Reserve, and a  
1 27 Retired Reserve, and also provided reserve units with  
1 28 24 initial training days and up to 17 days of annual  
1 29 training; and  
1 30 WHEREAS, the Army Reserve has been an integral part  
2 1 of numerous conflicts with more than 70 Army Reserve  
2 2 units deployed to the Korean Peninsula, more than  
2 3 84,000 soldiers providing combat support and combat  
2 4 service support during Operation Desert Shield/Storm,  
2 5 and others providing support in Somalia, Haiti,  
2 6 Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation  
2 7 Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and  
2 8 WHEREAS, the role of the Army Reserve has changed  
2 9 over time, moving from a Strategic Reserve to an  
2 10 Operational Force, providing resources and training to  
2 11 first-responder organizations across the nation,  
2 12 training soldiers, implementing national objectives,  
2 13 keeping the Army mobile, and enabling the Army to do  
2 14 more with fewer resources; and  
2 15 WHEREAS, the Army Reserve makes up 20 percent of  
2 16 the Army's organized units, but provides one-half of  
2 17 the Army's combat support and one-fourth of its  
2 18 mobilization base expansion capabilities; NOW  
2 19 THEREFORE,  
2 20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of  
2 21 the Senate, by this resolution, celebrate the 100th  
2 22 birthday of the United States Army Reserve, honor its  
2 23 service to America, and wish them another century of  
2 24 continued support.  
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