

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3
2 BY WARNSTADT, BEALL, and KIBBIE
3 A Resolution urging congressional action to allow all
4 eligible veterans to receive concurrently both their
5 full military retired pay and military disability
6 compensation.
7 WHEREAS, those persons who have served in the
8 nation's armed forces should be honored for their
9 service; and
10 WHEREAS, veterans who become disabled while serving
11 our country are rightfully compensated for their
12 disability; and
13 WHEREAS, veterans who have served our country and
14 have earned a military retirement are rightfully
15 compensated for this service; and
16 WHEREAS, legislation in place since the 19th
17 century has required that veterans who are retired and
18 disabled have their retirement pay reduced one dollar
19 for each dollar of disability compensation they
20 receive; and
21 WHEREAS, federal legislation has been introduced
22 for several years seeking to eliminate this
23 inequitable burden on our nation's veterans; and
24 WHEREAS, the federal National Defense Authorization
25 Act for fiscal year 2004 authorized the phaseout, over
26 10 years, of the ban on concurrent receipt of both
27 military retired pay and disability compensation for
28 retirees but only for disabilities rated 50 percent or
29 higher; and
30 WHEREAS, the federal National Defense Authorization

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1 Act for fiscal year 2005 further addressed this issue
2 by authorizing, as of January 1, 2005, the full
3 concurrent receipt of military retired pay and
4 disability compensation for 100 percent disabled
5 retirees with at least 20 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, military retirees with disabilities rated
7 less than 50 percent and military disability retirees
8 with less than 20 years of military service should be
9 just as deserving of relief from the ban on receiving
10 both their military retired pay and disability
11 compensation that they have earned; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the United
13 States Congress be urged to pass, and the President be
14 urged to sign, legislation to provide full relief for
15 all eligible veterans from the law that requires a
16 dollar-for-dollar offset of military retired pay for
17 disability compensation received by certain veterans
18 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
19 and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of
21 this Resolution, duly authenticated by the Iowa
22 Secretary of the Senate, be transmitted to the
23 Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
24 States, and to each member of the Iowa congressional
25 delegation.

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