

House Resolution

No. 29

Introduced by Assembly Member DeVore

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House Resolution No. 29—Relative to the 100th Anniversary of the United States Army Reserve.

1 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve’s beginnings were established
2 when national leaders recognized the need for a federal force of
3 highly skilled and specially trained reservists; and

4 WHEREAS, The Medical Reserve Corps was established by
5 the 60th Congress and President Theodore Roosevelt on April 23,
6 1908, to increase the efficiency of the Medical Corps of the United
7 States Army; and

8 WHEREAS, During growing international tensions caused by
9 a European war, later referred to as World War I, the National
10 Defense Act of 1916 formed the Officers Reserve Corps, the
11 Enlisted Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps,
12 further expanding the Reserves of the United States Army; and

13 WHEREAS, The Medical Reserve Corps, which was merged
14 into the Officers Reserve Corps in 1917, and the Enlisted Reserve
15 Corps, which was later renamed the Organized Reserve Corps,
16 were forerunners of the current Army Reserve; and

17 WHEREAS, During World War I, 89,500 officers from the
18 Officer Reserve Corps and 80,000 members of the Enlisted Reserve
19 Corps served; and

20 WHEREAS, During World War II, 200,000 members of the
21 Organized Reserve Corps served, with Reserve officers providing
22 29 percent of the Army’s officers; and

1 WHEREAS, During the Korean Conflict, 240,500 members of
2 the Organized Reserve Corps were called to active duty with more
3 than 400 units serving in Korea, and during this period, the
4 Organized Reserve Corps was renamed the Army Reserve; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 60,000 Army Reserve soldiers were
6 called to active duty in response to the Berlin Crisis from
7 September of 1961 to August 1962; and

8 WHEREAS, Forty-two Army Reserve units were called up
9 during the Vietnam Conflict, with 35 units serving in Vietnam,
10 while the other units fulfilled necessary military functions in the
11 United States; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1990 and 1991, more than 84,000 reservists
13 provided combat support and combat service support to the Army
14 during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1992, Army Reserve soldiers provided postal,
16 logistical, and other assistance to support United States relief efforts
17 in Somalia; and

18 WHEREAS, From 1995 to 1996, Army Reserve units helped
19 restore stability and democracy in Haiti, providing more than 70
20 percent of all Reserve component support; and

21 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve has contributed more than 68
22 percent of Reserve soldiers mobilized in Bosnia, providing support
23 to Operations Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard, and Joint Forge, and
24 Army Reserve units have provided support to NATO forces in
25 Kosovo since 2000; and

26 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve has provided vital support for
27 Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, and Iraqi Freedom,
28 with 98 percent of units either deploying or providing soldiers,
29 and with more than 180,000 individual reservists deployed or
30 called into active service, 42,000 of whom have served multiple
31 deployments since September 11, 2001; and

32 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve contributes to the Army's total
33 force structure by providing 100 percent of the Chemical Brigades,
34 Internment Brigades, Judge Advocate General Units, Medical
35 Groups, Railway Units, Training and Exercise Divisions, and
36 Water Supply Battalions; and

37 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve contributes to the Army's total
38 force structure by providing more than two-thirds of the Civil
39 Affairs Units, Psychological Operations Units, Transportation

1 Groups, Motor Battalions, Chemical Battalions, Hospitals, Medical
2 Brigades, and Theater Signal Commands; and

3 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve contributes to the Army's total
4 force structure by providing nearly one-half of the Petroleum
5 Battalions, Adjutant General Units, Petroleum Groups,
6 Transportation Command, Terminal Battalions, and Public Affairs
7 Units; and

8 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve makes up 20 percent of the
9 Army's organized units, and provides about one-half of the Army's
10 combat support and one-quarter of the Army's mobilization base
11 expansion capability; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Army would be unable to defend
13 the United States and sustain operations without the Army Reserve,
14 because the Army Reserve is no longer a strategic reserve force
15 but functions as a vital component of the active United States
16 Army; and

17 WHEREAS, Army Reserve forces have contributed to the
18 defense of the United States and its interests for 100 years, and
19 during that time have seen honorable service from celebrated
20 Americans such as Presidents Harry S. Truman and Ronald W.
21 Reagan, Medal of Honor recipient Brigadier General Theodore
22 Roosevelt, Jr., and Drs. Charles H. Mayo and William J. Mayo;
23 now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
25 Assembly honors and congratulates the Army Reserve on its 100th
26 anniversary, which shall be celebrated on April 23, 2008,
27 recognizes the vital contributions of all former and current
28 members of the Army Reserve, who have served honorably in
29 every conflict since World War I, and supports the continued and
30 steadfast efforts of current reservists in the defense of the United
31 States; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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