



RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Selective Service Act Registration of Women Resolution No. 16-07

WHEREAS, fully 14 percent of active duty and 18 percent of National Guard and Reserves are now women; and

WHEREAS, in contrast to today's force, the percentage of women in uniform was just 2 percent in 1950; and

WHEREAS, women comprise 51 percent of the eligible population in this age range to serve in the event of an emergency and would double the available personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter rescinded the combat exclusion policy "effective immediately"; and

WHEREAS, during the past ten years, over 275,000 women have deployed; and

WHEREAS, Congressional Research Service reported, "As of April 2015, 161 women have lost their lives and 1,015 had been wounded in action as part of Global War on Terror (GWOT) operations"; and

WHEREAS, an inequality exists between men and women between the ages of 18-26 under the Selective Service Act which does not include registration of women; and

WHEREAS, women should be treated equally as responsible, competent, contributing members of America's society;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress, to support amending the Selective Service Act to require the registration of women ages 18-26.

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