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## RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

### Criticality of Funding for the Reserve Components Resolution No. 17-05

**WHEREAS**, when Congress fails to provide an approved budget for the upcoming fiscal year, a continuing resolution is required to prevent a government shutdown; and

**WHEREAS**, short term continuing resolutions (CR) provide minimal, pro-rated funding only through a designated number of days or months; and

**WHEREAS**, the uncertainty associated with CRs has proven enormously challenging as the process results in late distribution of funds and suspends the reserve component's ability to schedule training, inspections or operational mission support for the National Guard and Reserve members; and

**WHEREAS**, these funding discontinuities inhibit service members' ability to attain and maintain mission-ready status (and their ability to deploy in support of contingencies); and

**WHEREAS**, budget delays can result in higher attrition rates due to adverse impacts for service members to achieve a good year for retirement, advance in their career and maintain positive employer relationships with a predictable schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, "Pay Our Military Act" (POMA) legislation funded personnel in Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) status (which comprises about 4% of our personnel), but it did not include Reserve Technicians or traditional Ready Reservists; and

**WHEREAS**, most of our Ready Reserve did not regain their ability to train and maintain readiness under appropriations, such as POMA, since they rely on Inactive Duty Training (IDT) and Annual Training (AT) to accomplish the majority of their training,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, strongly urge Congress to ensure that future legislation, including continuing resolutions, provide full year appropriations that are necessary to maintain reserve component mission readiness (Annual Tour and Inactive Duty Training).

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