

RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Reestablish the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Resolution No. 17-11

WHEREAS, Congress created the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs in 1983, over the objections of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, Congress mandated that the principal duty of that official should be the “overall supervision of reserve component affairs of the Department of Defense”; and

WHEREAS, the new Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs replaced the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard and Reserves provide nearly half of the military personnel available to the Nation and have convincingly proven their worth and value over the past fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Reserve Component has become an operational force with greater equipment, training, and contingency operational needs; and

WHEREAS, the Reserves and National Guard operate in a complex system of state and federal law and regulations that are significantly different in all respects from that of the Active Component; and

WHEREAS, the issues relating to the Reserve Components within the Department of Defense require knowledgeable and forceful representation at the most senior levels of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs oversees the Total Force and will not be able to focus on fully advocating for Reserve Component issues,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Officers Association, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress to reestablish the separate Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

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