

**Opposition to the Merger of the Reserve and Guard
Resolution 18-11**

WHEREAS, both the federal Reserve force and National Guard have long and distinguished records of service and success in their contributions to the defense and security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, both the Title 10 USC Reserve force and National Guard have unique missions and strong traditions associated with their respective components; and

WHEREAS, the President and Combatant Commanders require the accessibility and force multiplier offered by the Federal forces of the Reserve without state restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Guard can augment Federal forces but remain state centric; and

WHEREAS, there is no demonstrated cost savings or other efficiencies that have been demonstrated by supporters of a merger; and

WHEREAS, the Reserve and Guard play distinctive roles in support of many areas that takes advantage of specific unique training and strengths; and

WHEREAS, the distinct differences between the federal Reserve force and the National Guard appeal to different recruitment sources with which a merger may reduce the appeal to a potential pool of the population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to maintain, a separate federal Reserve status for the United States Army Reserve and the United States Air Force Reserve and that they reject any effort to merge these entities with the Army National Guard and Air National Guard.

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