

## **Expand Eligibility for Early Retirement Resolution 18-12**

**WHEREAS**, almost 1,000,000 National Guard and Reserve members have been mobilized since September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, other Reserve component members have been deployed under existing Presidential recalls; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1971 when the draft was ended, the Global War on Terrorism relied on an all-volunteer force including at times close to 40 percent Reserve Component forces in-theater at the height of the mobilization; and

**WHEREAS**, by 2009, the National Guard and Reserve comprising nearly 28 percent of total forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (Waterhouse and O'Bryant 2008); and

**WHEREAS**, our nation did so without recourse to a draft because the RC surged to the battle front to enhance and reinforce our active forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the Reserve and Guard are making family and civilian career sacrifices, and are taking the same risks as their active duty counterparts; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY08 National Defense Authorization Act (effective Jan. 29, 2008) amended Title 10 United States Code, Section 12731, to reduce the reserve retirement eligibility age for each aggregate of 90 days of qualifying active duty but only for officers while enlisted AGRs were excluded; and

**WHEREAS**, Reserve Component retirement costs are typically only one-fourth of an active duty retirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to expand earlier retirement options for Guard and Reserve members and to appropriate funds in support of the provision; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** at a minimum, eligibility for early retirement retroactively include all who have been called to active duty since September 11, 2001; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this not be funded through offsets and reductions to the current compensation system or from reductions in Reserve force structure, readiness or training.

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