

## **Health Professions Scholarship Program Resolution 18-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Defense (DoD) Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) is an attractive recruiting incentive used to recruit quality physicians into the Active Component of the armed services; and

**WHEREAS**, the HPSP incentive is available to medical students who contract only for active duty service, and

**WHEREAS**, the Reserve Component provides a significant percentage of physicians to support the medical missions; and

**WHEREAS**, the shortfall in attracting younger physicians into the Reserve has resulted in an aging medical corps population at a time that an increased reliance on the Reserve components has necessitated the call-up of Reserve physicians to serve on consecutive and frequent tours of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the consistent and recurring use of steadily diminishing numbers of Reserve physicians during peacekeeping, humanitarian and wartime missions has created recruiting and retention problems that may have serious impact on the Total Force's capability to deliver quality medical care in a theater of operations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to expand the Health Professions Scholarship Program to defray the costs of tuition and other expenses incurred by medical students, who upon completion of medical school, agree to serve a Department of Defense contractual obligation in the Reserve Component.

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