

## **Individual Ready Reserve Funding Resolution 18–17**

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 National Defense Strategy objectives include deterring state adversaries and non-state actors against the United States have demonstrated the need to maintain highly trained personnel who possess critical specialties necessary to sustain the force for surge capability; and

**WHEREAS**, at present, the majority of appropriated funds sustain the Selected Reserve (units, Individual Mobilization Augmentees and Active Guard/Reserve); and

**WHEREAS**, the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) includes prior Active Component personnel with a military service obligation (MSO), reservists no longer affiliated with an MSO and servicemembers in transition between billets; and

**WHEREAS**, many IRR possess critical wartime specialties that require more than minimal training days to maintain proficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the IRR comprised of approximately 25 percent of the Ready Reserve but was significantly under employed with only 4 percent of mobilizations since 9/11, (Reserve Forces Policy Board, Improving the Total Force, November 1, 2016); and

**WHEREAS**, only a small percentage of the IRR population is funded for IRR Readiness Training each year to enhance or refresh existing skills at a minimal level;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to authorize and appropriate additional funds to provide enough paid training days to maintain proficiency for members of the Individual Ready Reserve with critical wartime specialties that will be necessary to support military operations or future mobilizations.

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