

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 3 - 1 - 1
Yeas: Ferrioli, Monnes Anderson, Brown
Nays: Nelson
Exc.: Johnson
Prepared By: Marjorie Taylor, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 4/23, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expresses appreciation for Congress' efforts to encourage significant transition in Iraq. Urges Congress to oppose escalation of United States forces in Iraq. Expresses continued support for United States forces. Calls on Congress to fully fund benefits for veterans and their families when they return from conflicts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Support and gratitude for U.S. Armed Forces and the Oregon National Guard
- Impact of military service on service persons' families
- Sacrifice and the price of freedom
- Funding of services for veterans' and their families
- Military equipment used in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Unknown timeline for ending conflicts in foreign nations
- Statements and decisions of the federal government regarding the Iraq war

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Provisions of the memorial: acknowledge efforts of the last Congress to encourage significant transition in Iraq; urge Congress to exercise appropriate authority to oppose escalation of U.S. forces in Iraq, and to move toward a phased redeployment of forces out of Iraq with transition of control to Iraqi security forces; urge Congress and the administration to fully fund benefits for veterans and their families; and expresses continued support for members of the U.S. Armed Forces and Oregon National Guard who have served in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.