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Senate Joint Memorial 9

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Including Senate Amendments dated May 15

Sponsored by Senator GORDLY

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Urges Congress to cease funding of war in Iraq and cease sending troops to Iraq.]

Urges Congress to pass legislation and approve funds for transition of National Guard and Reservists to civilian life following active service. Urges Congress to pass legislation requiring Secretary of Defense to develop coordinated transition program and to use specific funds to fund program.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
3 States of America, in Congress assembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in leg-
5 islative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the people of the United States depend upon the Armed Forces of the United States
7 to secure freedom through rigorous defense of the air, land, and seas; and

8 Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States depend upon the National Guard and the Na-
9 tional Guard Reserve to fight and win wars; and

10 Whereas the United States was founded on the premise of the citizen soldier as the primary form
11 of defense; and

12 Whereas the National Guard has demonstrated its valuable wartime skills and training when
13 called into service of the state for natural disasters and in homeland defense; and

14 Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States provide for an orderly four- to six-month pre-
15 deployment "train-up" mobilization schedule designed to prepare National Guard and National
16 Guard Reservists for the rigors and complexities of the war in Iraq; and

17 Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States make inadequate provision for the transition
18 of National Guard and National Guard Reservists from active duty service to civilian life, allowing
19 only about 10 days; and

20 Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States are calling upon the National Guard and Na-
21 tional Guard Reserve to perform more duties, and for longer periods of time, than has been the case
22 since World War II; and

23 Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States continue to rely upon National Guard and Na-
24 tional Guard Reservists to voluntarily leave friends, family and living wage jobs to serve the needs
25 of our nation, our state and our communities; now, therefore,

26 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Con-
2 gress of the United States to pass legislation and appropriate funds for an orderly transition for
3 National Guard and National Guard Reservists to civilian life following active service; and be it
4 further

5 Resolved, That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge
6 the Congress of the United States to pass legislation requiring the United States Secretary of De-
7 fense, working with the Adjutants General of the several states, to develop a coordinated, orderly
8 transition program and to fund that program from accounts held in arrears for post-deployment un-
9 employment benefits; and be it further

10 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to
11 the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member
12 of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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