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Senate Joint Memorial 9

Sponsored by Senator GORDLY; Representative NELSON

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

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

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

Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States depend upon the National Guard and the National Guard Reserve to fight and win wars; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by Senate May 17, 2007

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House June 26, 2007

Speaker of House