

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93

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A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to ensure timely and full funding aligned with the National Defense Authorization Act in order to support the readiness, stability, and well-being of United States military personnel and their families.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana plays a vital role in national defense through its military installations, defense-related industries, and strategic infrastructure supporting air, land, and maritime operations; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to thousands of United States military personnel, including active duty service members, reservists, and National Guard members, as well as the families who support them; and

WHEREAS, the National Defense Authorization Act establishes the policy framework and authorizes funding necessary to maintain military readiness and to provide essential support to military personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, delays in the enactment of full-year federal appropriations and the repeated reliance on continuing resolutions have created uncertainty in defense funding, limiting the ability of the Department of Defense to implement authorized programs, initiate new projects, and effectively plan for long-term readiness; and

WHEREAS, such funding uncertainty can delay military construction, disrupt training and operations, and strain essential services that support military personnel and their families, including housing, health care, childcare, and spousal employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, consistent and reliable funding is critical to maintaining recruitment, retention, morale, and the overall effectiveness of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has a long-standing commitment to supporting military personnel and recognizes their indispensable contributions to national security and to emergency and disaster response efforts within the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to ensure the timely passage of appropriations measures that fully fund and align with the National Defense Authorization Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to prioritize policies and funding that directly support military personnel and their families, including those related to compensation, housing, health care, childcare, and overall quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to expand access to comprehensive fertility care for military personnel and their families, including coverage for in vitro fertilization and other assisted reproductive technologies, particularly for those experiencing service-related infertility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE