



H.CON.RES. 334 – SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF A NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 334 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Christopher Shays (R-CT) on April 24, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform agreed to the resolution, as amended, by voice vote on May 15, 2008.

H.Con.Res. 334 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 19, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 334 resolves that Congress:

- Supports the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month; and
- Urges the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States, all Federal departments and agencies, States, localities, organizations, and media to annually observe a National Military Appreciation Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

BACKGROUND

The month of May was officially designated as National Military Month by H.Con.Res. 328, which was introduced by Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA) on November 18, 2003. H.Con.Res. 203 passed both chambers of Congress unanimously in April of 2004.

Today, there are more than 1,500,000 active and reserve component members of the Armed Forces serving the Nation. The United States Armed Forces is comprised of five branches: the Army, the Marine Corps, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard. All branches are part of the Department of Defense, except for the Coast Guard, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security.

More than 1,600,000 members of the Armed Forces of the United States have been deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom since September 2001. More than 30,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have been wounded in battle.

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