



H.Res. 1255 – Honoring Toby Keith's commitment to members of the Armed Forces

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1255 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 Tom Cole (R-OK) on July 2, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1255 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 15, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1255 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors Toby Keith's commitment to our country's Armed Forces overseas;
- Encourages other entertainers to take into consideration Toby Keith's deep commitment to boosting the morale of our Nation's Armed Forces when supporting USO operations; and
- A copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Toby Keith.

BACKGROUND

Toby Keith, a native Oklahoman, was born in 1961 and is a popular American country music artist. Keith has had 16 Number One singles, and five of his albums have topped the *Billboard* Top Country Albums chart. Before becoming a country star, Toby Keith worked as a derrick hand in the oil fields of Oklahoma. Keith also briefly played defensive end for the semi-professional Oklahoma City Drillers football team.

Toby Keith has made six tours with the United Service Organizations (USO) around the world. Keith has performed in Germany, Cuba, Kosovo, Italy, and Africa, and elsewhere to entertain over 150,000 members of the Armed Forces involved with Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Toby Keith also co-wrote and often performs his hit song "American Soldier," which honors the sacrifices made daily by service members. The USO was founded in 1941 as a nonprofit organization that provides morale and recreational services to members of the U.S. military worldwide.

STAFF CONTACT

For questions or further information contact Adam Hepburn at 6-2302.