



SCR-98 Armed Forces of the United States: active duty and retired military personnel. (2017-2018)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98

CHAPTER 56

Relative to military personnel.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 98, Nguyen. Armed Forces of the United States: active duty and retired military personnel.

This measure would honor the men and women who have served or are serving in our nation's military, and would declare that the men and women who choose to join the United States Armed Forces should be encouraged and commended.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces are integral to protecting our freedom, security, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, The men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces display a deep commitment to our country through their courage, sacrifice, and sense of duty; and

WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces foster the potential of enlistees and officer candidates to produce intelligent, talented leaders who bear a conscientious obligation to serve; and

WHEREAS, An overwhelming number of Active Duty Enlisted Members (91.6 percent) have a high school diploma and some college experience; and

WHEREAS, The vast majority (83.8 percent) of officers have at least a bachelor's degree, and 41.5 percent of officers have an advanced degree; and

WHEREAS, The percentage of Active Duty Members who are married is 54.3 percent and 41.2 percent of all military personnel are parents; and

WHEREAS, California has the highest amount of Selected Reserve members of any state, and over 97 percent of them have at least a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, The California National Guard currently has over 23,000 service members, most of whom have other careers while they serve; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-six Presidents of the United States were veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, in 2016, 1,040 of the 7,383 state legislators, 20 percent of United States Senators, and 18 percent of United States Representatives, were veterans; and

WHEREAS, There are currently an estimated 20 million living American veterans, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The quantity of 3,517 Medals of Honor, the Nation's highest decoration, have been awarded to United States veterans for courage and sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty in the line of fire defending the nation; and

WHEREAS, Military retirees are dedicated, focused, well trained, well disciplined, and well educated and bring their best qualities of United States citizenship to lifelong service within the United States and their local communities as stable, responsible citizens and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Those qualities often result in contributions to the civilian workforce as experienced and dedicated employees, to local educational institutions as teachers, counselors, and coaches, to local government as elected public servants, and to communities as effective volunteers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature honors the men and women who have served or are serving in our nation's military; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature declares that men and women who choose to join the United States Armed Forces should be encouraged and commended; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.