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JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating November 21, 1994, as “National Military Families Recognition Day”.

Whereas the Congress recognizes and supports the Department of Defense policies to recruit, train, equip, retain, and field a military force that is capable of preserving peace and protecting the vital interests of the United States and its allies;

Whereas military families shoulder the responsibility of providing emotional support for their service members;

Whereas, in times of war and military action, military families have demonstrated their patriotism through their steadfast support and commitment to the Nation;

Whereas the emotional and mental readiness of the United States military personnel around the world is tied to the well-being and satisfaction of their families;

Whereas the quality of life that the Armed Forces provide to military families is a key factor in the retention of military personnel;

Whereas the people of the United States are truly indebted to military families for facing adversities, including extended separations from their service members, frequent household moves due to reassignments, and restrictions on their employment and educational opportunities;

Whereas 75 percent of officers and 57 percent of enlisted personnel in the Armed Forces are married;

Whereas families of active duty military personnel (including individuals other than spouses and children) account for more than half of the active duty community, and spouses and children of members of the Reserves in paid status account for more than half of the individuals in the Reserves community;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of spouses, children, and other dependents living abroad with members of the Armed Forces face feelings of cultural isolation and financial hardship;

Whereas the significantly reduced global military tensions after the end of the cold war have led to a down-sizing of the national defense and a refocusing on national priorities to strengthening the American economy and competitiveness in the global marketplace;

Whereas the Congress is grateful for such sacrifices and is committed to assisting the service members and their

