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H. RES. 158

To express the support and commitment of the U.S. House of Representatives for the troops serving to protect and defend the United States of America by encouraging actions to extend and protect their student financial aid for postsecondary education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2003

Mr. KLINE (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. McKEON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. UPTON, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. ROSS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

To express the support and commitment of the U.S. House of Representatives for the troops serving to protect and defend the United States of America by encouraging actions to extend and protect their student financial aid for postsecondary education.

Whereas there is no more important cause than that of our Nation's defense;

Whereas the United States will protect the freedom and secure the safety of its citizens;

Whereas the United States military is the finest in the world and its personnel are determined to lead the world in pursuit of peace;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard reservists and members of the National Guard have been called to active duty or active service;

Whereas the men and women of the United State military put their lives on hold, leave their families, jobs, and postsecondary education in order to serve their country and do so with distinction; and

Whereas there is no more important cause for this Congress than to support the members of the United States military and provide assistance with their transition into and out of active duty and active service: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives urges—

2 (1) the Secretary of Education to continue the
3 longstanding commitment of the United States to
4 the men and women of the United States Armed
5 Forces, serving on active duty (including Reserves),
6 by providing assistance and flexibility with their
7 transition into and out of postsecondary education;

8 (2) all institutions offering postsecondary edu-
9 cation to provide a full refund of tuition and fees
10 and other charges to students who are members of
11 the Armed Forces, serving on active duty (including
12 Reserves), for that portion of a period of instruction

1 the student was unable to complete, or for which
2 that individual did not receive academic credit, be-
3 cause he or she was called up for such service;

4 (3) all postsecondary institutions to make every
5 effort, if an individual withdraws from a course of
6 study as a result of such service, to minimize defer-
7 ral of enrollment or reapplication requirements and
8 to provide the greatest flexibility possible with ad-
9 ministrative deadlines related to those applications;
10 and

11 (4) lending institutions holding or servicing
12 Federal student loans for a borrower called to such
13 service to provide all available benefits, forbearance,
14 deferrals, and flexibility with respect to such loans
15 as necessary to ensure that such borrowers who are
16 called to active duty are not placed in a worse posi-
17 tion financially in relation to those loans because of
18 such service.

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