

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 1245

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding prioritizing the COVID–19 vaccine for members of the military.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2020

Mr. DESJARLAIS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding prioritizing the COVID–19 vaccine for members of the military.

Whereas there are approximately 1,300,000 active duty servicemembers and hundreds of thousands of additional trainees;

Whereas pharmaceutical companies Pfizer, BioNTech, and Moderna’s COVID–19 vaccines have shown early signs of success and could start to become available to the American people before the end of 2020;

Whereas it is expected there could be around 40,000,000 doses of the COVID–19 vaccine available for distribution by the end of 2020;

Whereas it is a priority to distribute the vaccine to those most vulnerable such as our Nation's seniors and other high-risk groups starting in December 2020;

Whereas the Department of Defense's vaccine efforts through Operation Warp Speed has accelerated the research, development, and manufacturing of vaccines and logistic support for vaccine distribution;

Whereas the United States military and its trainees serve a vital role in protecting our Nation and keeping people across the world safe;

Whereas our Nation's servicemembers and trainees are not able to train as normal;

Whereas the United States military has continued to excel and perform as the world's greatest professionals despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas our Nation's military is always ready for any challenge to protect the American people and those most vulnerable: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that it should be the policy of the United  
3       States to prioritize our Nation's military and trainees in  
4       receiving the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as reasonably  
5       practicable.

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