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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Memorializes the U.S. Congress to assist with a La. pilot program for the recruitment of new members to the U.S. Army

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to assist in
3	the establishment of a Louisiana pilot program for the recruitment of new United
4	States Army members to address the military recruitment shortage.
5	WHEREAS, the United States Army was founded to serve the American people,
6	defend the nation, protect vital national interests, and fulfill national military responsibilities;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, the United States Army helps to maintain peace and stability in the
9	United States and in regions critical to the interests of the United States; and
10	WHEREAS, recruiting and retaining service members is essential for our military
11	members and national security; and
12	WHEREAS, in recent years, the United States Army has struggled to recruit qualified
13	and willing recruits; and
14	WHEREAS, last fiscal year, the United States Army missed its recruiting goal by
15	fifteen thousand active duty soldiers, or twenty-five percent of its target; and
16	WHEREAS, the United States Senate Committee on Armed Services convened
17	recently to explore solutions to the military recruitment crisis; and
18	WHEREAS, for decades, Louisiana has had the nation's highest incarceration rate
19	and state leaders have sought programs to reduce recidivism and alternatives to
20	incarceration; and

1 WHEREAS, elected officials want to work with the armed forces, law enforcement, 2 and advocates to develop a plan to improve military eligibility which includes nonviolent 3 offenders between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five with a high school diploma or 4 college degree, such as an associate degree or bachelor's degree, to participate in the pilot 5 program and join the United States Army. 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 7 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to assist in the 8 establishment of a Louisiana pilot program for the recruitment of new United States Army 9 members to address the military recruitment shortage. 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 11 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the 12 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

## **DIGEST**

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