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The Honorable Tim Walz  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mark Pryor  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Latham  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Pryor, Congressman Walz and Congressman Latham:

The National Military Veterans Alliance (NMVA), representing 34 military and veterans associations with a combined membership of over 3.5 million members, greatly appreciates your efforts on behalf of all military personnel. We write in support of **S.491**, the Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act, and **HR 1025**, a bill to authorize veteran status in Title 38 for National Guard and Reserve members of the Armed Forces who are entitled to a non-regular retirement under Chapter 1223 of 10 USC and who were never called to active federal service during their careers other than active duty for training orders.

It is paradoxical that some Reserve Component members now serving in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) on duty other than mobilization orders as is often done for federal reserve members, or carrying out a national security mission to protect the integrity of our Southwestern border (on Title 32 orders) may one day qualify for a military pension from the Reserve Component but **will not qualify as Veterans of our Armed Forces.**

As hard as that notion may be to understand or accept, the intent of this cost-neutral bill is to honor the service and sacrifice of our career Reserve Component members who were never called up to active duty.

The bill does not authorize any new or unearned veterans' benefits to any member of the National Guard or Reserves.

Your continued attention to those who serve and have served in the Armed Forces is greatly appreciated, and we stand ready to assist in any way possible. Please contact the NMVA Co-Director, Ike Puzon (AUSN) at (703) 548-5800 or Co-Director Rick Jones (NAUS) at (703) 750-1342 for more information.

Sincerely,

Co-Directors and Member Organizations  
National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA)



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American Logistics Association	Military Families United
American Military Retirees Association	National Gulf War Resource Center
American Military Society	Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
American Retirees Association	Paralyzed Veterans of America
American WWII Orphans Network	Reserve Enlisted Association
AMVETS (American Veterans)	Reserve Officers Association
Armed Forces Marketing Council	Society of Military Widows
Army Navy Union	The Flag and General Officers Network
Association of the United States Navy	The Retired Enlisted Association
Catholic War Veterans	TREA Senior Citizen League
Gold Star Wives of America	Tragedy Assistant Program for Survivors
Hispanic War Veterans Association	Uniformed Services Disabled Retirees
Japanese American Veterans Association	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Korean War Veterans Foundation	Veterans of Modern Warfare
Legion of Valor	Vietnam Veterans of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart	Women in Search of Equity
Military Order of Foreign Wars	
Military Order of the World Wars	

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