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The Honorable Elise Stefanik
House of Representatives
512 Cannon HOB
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The Honorable Sanford Bishop
House of Representatives
2407 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: House Resolution 782: Encouraging the people of the United States to honor the service of military retirees who continue to serve the United States long after such retirees have completed military service.

Dear House Representatives Stefanik and Bishop,

The National Military and Veterans Alliance, a non-partisan policy and advocacy organization composed of military and veteran service organizations, writes to thank you for your leadership in introducing H. Res. 782. As you know, those who faithfully serve their country for twenty or more years and those who were medically retired, show a dedication to service unrivalled by any other profession. After retiring from military service, most retirees continue to serve in their local communities, governments, schools and in many other areas where dedicated professionalism is necessary. Regrettably, these consummate professionals are not officially and separately honored by the government or people of the United States.

H. Res. 782 supports the goals and ideals of a Military Retiree Appreciation Day and would recognize, for the first time, the finest qualities of American citizenship as exhibited by military retirees both during and after their military careers. Military retirees were the backbone of our military forces during their service, providing leadership that ensured our military was and continues to be the most highly trained and technically and tactically proficient fighting force in the world.

The impact of military retirees is equally felt within their local communities after military service has ended. Military retirees are among the finest citizens and neighbors and they bring balance, focus, and stability to local communities through their continued service while volunteering in not-for-profit organizations, as coaches, scoutmasters or in places of worship and/or while working second careers in countless professions such as police officers, doctors, and teachers.

We salute the leadership and cooperation that has led to the introduction of this bipartisan legislation and we would like you to know that you have our sincere gratitude.

Sincerely,

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Member Organizations, National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA)

American Military Retirees Association	Military Order of the World Wars
American Military Society	National Defense Committee
American Retirees Association	Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
AMVETS	Reserve Officers Association
Army Navy Union	Society of Military Widows
Association of the United States Navy	The Flag and General Officers Network
Korean War Veterans Foundation	The Retired Enlisted Association
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Military Order of the Purple Heart	