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A R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the President and Congress of the United 1
States, and the Secretary of Defense, to 2
authorize the recruitment of individuals with 3
disabilities for service in the Armed Forces of 4
the United States. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, Military manpower requirements require a workforce 6
with a range of backgrounds, skills, and knowledge; and 7

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities need not be defined 8
by the disability, but rather, respected for the talents and 9
assets that they possess; and 10

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities may possess a desire 11
and ability to serve; and 12

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense has been a 13
model employer for people with disabilities, and can draw on the 14
Department's experience and success to match the skills of 15
disabled individuals with the evolving manpower requirements of 16
the active duty of the Armed Forces of the United States; and 17

WHEREAS, Today, there are three hundred fifty soldiers with 18

special needs serving in twenty-two army bases across Israel in 19
a unit named "Special in Uniform," proving that an elite 20
military can benefit from the inclusion of disabled individuals 21
among its ranks; now therefore be it 22

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 23
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 24
Ohio, urge the President and Congress of the United States, and 25
the Secretary of Defense, to authorize the recruitment and 26
service of individuals with disabilities in the Armed Forces of 27
the United States; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 29
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 30
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 31
the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States 32
Senate, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the 33
Secretary of Defense, the President of the United States, and 34
the news media of Ohio. 35