

HOUSE RESOLUTION 88

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the 111th anniversary of the United States Army Reserve.

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2019, the United States Army Reserve will celebrate 111 years of history in service to the Army and the nation; and

WHEREAS, what began in 1908 as a tiny corps of medical professionals held in readiness for duty is today the U.S. Army's global operational reserve force and the most capable, combat-ready, and lethal Army Reserve in the history of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Reserve was established by Congress in 1908 with only 160 doctors and nurses; a somewhat larger organized Reserve was created under the National Defense Act of 1916; and

WHEREAS, a year later, when America entered World War I, more than 160,000 Reserve soldiers were mobilized to help the Army defeat Germany and the Axis powers; and

WHEREAS, by World War II, more than 200,000 had joined the fight, serving on every front; and

WHEREAS, throughout the two world wars, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, the Global War on Terror, and countless other crises, operations, and emergencies, America's Army Reserve has never failed to meet the challenges of its time, providing quick access to the mission-critical forces and capabilities the Army needs to initiate, sustain, and prevail in major operations; and

WHEREAS, today, our nation faces new threats from multiple sources that challenge U.S. military dominance across every domain, but the U.S. Army Reserve is again rising to meet and vanquish such threats by creating and maintaining a ready force of units and individual

soldiers who are postured to move fast, engage quickly, and win decisively on the battlefields of today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the world is constantly changing, but one thing is constant: The U.S. Army Reserve will remain the dedicated federal reserve of the most decisive and lethal land force in the world — ready to deploy, fight, and win, wherever and whenever needed, anywhere around the world; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to all the patriotic Americans who serve in the U.S. Army Reserve and the dedicated families, employers, and communities that support them; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize the 111th anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Reserve on April 23, 2019, and honor Army Reserve service members for their stalwart commitment to the security of our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.