

House Concurrent Resolution No. 24

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, the United States military is demanding that wounded service personnel
2 repay signing bonuses and forego unpaid signing bonuses because they are unable to serve out
3 their commitments; and

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5 **Whereas**, as a result, men and women who have lost arms, legs, eyesight, hearing
6 and can no longer serve are being exposed to financial hardship; and

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8 **Whereas**, these men and women have already given enough for their country.
9 Many will never be able to pursue their dreams because of the nature of wounds received in the
10 line of duty; and

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12 **Whereas**, the wounded service personnel of the United States military deserve a
13 guarantee that their signing bonuses will not be ordered to be repaid or withheld as a result of
14 their sacrifice:

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16 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
17 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
18 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to enact legislation ending the current
19 United States Defense Department practice of requiring wounded service personnel to pay back
20 signing bonuses as a result of medical discharges for combat injuries; and

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22 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
23 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
24 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Defense and each member of the
25 Missouri Congressional delegation.