

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 20

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KIDD.

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1           **WHEREAS**, Missouri has over 490,000 military veterans in the state and another 33,536  
2 residents currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, which includes active duty  
3 members as well as National Guard and Reserve forces; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, countless Missourians have served in the United States Armed Forces in  
6 support of combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world since September 11,  
7 2001; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, the October 2016 unemployment rate among all Missouri citizens was 5.1  
10 percent, including numerous Missouri veterans who are unemployed; and  
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12           **WHEREAS**, current and former military members have received extensive education  
13 and skills training in a broad range of areas that directly correlate to private sector occupations  
14 and as a result of their military experiences have gained leadership and management perspectives  
15 that are invaluable to today's employers; and  
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17           **WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri is committed to ensuring access to quality and  
18 affordable higher education for veterans of the United States Armed Forces through the  
19 university system; and  
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21           **WHEREAS**, in 2014 more than 14,332 students attended Missouri-based higher  
22 education institutions, receiving over 55 million dollars in educational benefits; and  
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24           **WHEREAS**, it is important for Missouri's state departments, boards, and commissions  
25 to be committed to streamlining and improving the licensure and certification process for  
26 military servicemembers, veterans, and their spouses:  
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28           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
29 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate

30 concurring therein, hereby urge Governor Greitens to require professional registration and  
31 certification entities to review and revise policies and procedures to streamline the certification  
32 and licensing process to take into account relevant military education, skills training, and military  
33 service when determining equivalency for purposes of issuing certifications and licenses  
34 throughout the State of Missouri; and

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
37 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
38 Governor of the State of Missouri.

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