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Senate Joint Memorial 1

Sponsored by Senator METSGER, Representative P SMITH

To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, and the Secretary of Defense:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the Army National Guard has been called to federal active duty in numbers not seen since World War II; and

Whereas the Oregon Army National Guard has provided 70 percent of its units to Operation Enduring Freedom and to Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas for decades full-time manning for the Army National Guard has been underfunded and woefully neglected; and

Whereas the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve are currently manned at approximately 58 percent; and

Whereas it is very difficult when Army National Guard units are manned at 58 percent for units to maintain readiness requirements and to carry out their mission to serve this nation; and

Whereas a lack of full-time manning has caused the mobilization process to be extended, resulting in a longer deployment cycle for members of the Army National Guard; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, respectfully request that the Congress of the United States and the Secretary of Defense authorize and appropriate funding to attain 75 percent of full-time manning requirements for the Army National Guard and that the Secretary of Defense report to Congress in the 2005 fiscal year on a plan to meet 100 percent of full-time manning requirements by the end of 2008; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by Senate February 14, 2005

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House May 25, 2005

Speaker of House