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Kick, Stein, Dean, Creech, McClain, Barhorst, Lorenz, Plummer, Wiggam, Ferguson**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress to restore the 1
Department of Defense's superior warfighting 2
principles of recruiting, assigning, training, 3
promoting, and retaining personnel solely based on 4
merit and ensuring such personnel maintain and display 5
a warrior ethos, and to name this resolution the 6
"Restoration of America's Readiness (ROAR) 7
Resolution." 8

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States became the world's greatest 9
warfighting nation shortly after its founding, a fact clearly 10
demonstrated in the 1900s and early 2000s through its engagement 11
in two World Wars and several other military campaigns 12
throughout the globe, establishing a deterrent effect that has 13
prevented another World War for almost 80 years; and 14

WHEREAS, The United States' military dominance in 15
warfighting also came about through the ability of personnel to 16
have and maintain a warrior ethos, one in which they are able to 17
transition from being a kind, compassionate individual in 18

peacetime to one who is willing and able to engage an enemy in 19
battle with violence and lethality, and this includes support 20
personnel who may not typically be called upon to engage an 21
enemy face-to-face but nonetheless may find themselves in 22
situations that require them to do so; and 23

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, the United States 24
Department of Defense and its military services have engaged in 25
various practices eroding these warfighting principles to the 26
point at which United States military dominance has been called 27
into serious question. Such practices include: 28

(1) Overemphasizing and relying on diversity and inclusion 29
in all its forms, including gender, gender identity, race, and 30
sexual preference, as a primary determinant in how military 31
forces should be comprised without providing credible and 32
verifiable evidence that such a prescribed composition results 33
in higher job performance, unit effectiveness, and mission 34
accomplishment, as opposed to a model in which a meritocracy- 35
based force composition is used; 36

(2) Making nonsensical "unconscious bias" training 37
mandatory for all military and civilian personnel; 38

(3) Instituting mandatory "emergency use only" COVID-19 39
vaccines with little regard to individual medical concerns in 40
light of the Anthrax vaccine mandate problems of the late 1990s 41
and denying almost all requests for exemptions based on 42
religious grounds, which is particularly troubling given the 43
recent decision by the United States Department of Defense to 44
rescind the COVID-19 vaccine mandate; and 45

(4) Requiring mandatory training at the United States Air 46
Force Academy to incorporate "person-centered" and gender 47
neutral language when describing individuals and to request 48
cadets to consider using the term "parent" or "caregiver" rather 49

than "mother" or "father" as not to offend those that may come from a different parenting background; and

(5) Requiring mandatory indoctrination of every cadet at the United States Military Academy in Critical Race Theory, a theory focused on dividing the American population along racial lines, which ignores the progress accomplished within the United States since our Civil War of the 1860s, so as to manufacture voting blocks for radical politicians, and creates distrust of the leadership of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, The United States' military dominance in warfighting came about through reliance on the concept of meritocracy, in which personnel are recruited, assigned to specialties, assigned to positions within a unit, retained, and promoted based on their demonstrated aptitude and performance in the roles they are assigned to perform, regardless of their race, gender, sexual preference, or other person-centric identifiers; and

WHEREAS, Such practices are having a detrimental effect on recruitment, as the United States Army was 15,000 soldiers short of its 2022 recruiting goals, the worst recruiting year on record since the Armed Forces switched to an all-volunteer force nearly 50 years ago, and the remaining branches of the Armed Forces are well behind their historic goal rates as they enter into the 2023 recruiting season; and

WHEREAS, Recent studies have found that most young Americans are not fit for military service, with the Department of Defense estimating that just two percent of those between the ages of 17 and 21 years have the desired combination of strong academic credentials, adequate physical fitness, and an interest in serving; and

WHEREAS, The combination of an incapable and uninterested

recruiting age group and non-merit-based practices calls into 81
serious question whether the United States military currently 82
has a sufficient number of members who hold a warrior ethos 83
needed to effectively engage an enemy; and 84

WHEREAS, Those with the necessary warrior ethos currently 85
serving in the United States military are more likely to leave 86
service, and those with the necessary warrior ethos before 87
entering into service are more likely to refrain from enlisting 88
as they discover the composition and practices of the Armed 89
Services as referenced herein; therefore be it 90

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 135th General 91
Assembly, urge the United States Congress to use its 92
authorization and appropriation authorities to prohibit the use 93
of such "woke" social engineering and experimentation practices, 94
which are eroding military effectiveness, and to mandate a 95
return to a merit-based system for military force development 96
and composition; and be it further 97

RESOLVED, That this resolution be known as the "Restoration 98
of America's Readiness (ROAR) Resolution;" and be it further 99

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 100
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 101
President of the United States, the President of the United 102
States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of 103
Representatives, and each member of the Ohio delegation to the 104
United States Congress. 105