

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1042

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recommending support of legislation to  
8 reduce the age at which a member of the United States  
9 Armed Forces Reserve Component can receive military  
10 retirement pay; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, at one time, the Reserve Component of the United States  
13 Armed Forces was considered a strategic reserve. Since the end of  
14 the Cold War, the Reserve Component has progressively transformed  
15 into an operational force; and

16 WHEREAS, the use of the National Guard in the last four and half  
17 years has marked the largest sustained call-up since World War II.  
18 In 2005 the National Guard and the Reserve made up approximately  
19 fifty percent (50%) of the United States troops in Iraq. This level  
20 of effort continues today with the National Guard and the Reserve  
21 Soldiers and Airmen supporting Global War on Terrorism missions in  
22 Iraq, Afghanistan, and locations worldwide; and

23 WHEREAS, current law states that a retired reserve component  
24 member will begin to draw military retired pay upon reaching sixty

1 (60) years of age, regardless of number of years of military  
2 service. In contrast, an active component member who joins at the  
3 same time and serves the same amount of years receives a pension  
4 immediately upon retirement; and

5 WHEREAS, several members of Congress have introduced legislation  
6 to reduce the age at which members of the Reserve Component are  
7 eligible to receive retirement pay to age 55; and

8 WHEREAS, times have changed, and so should the benefits provided  
9 to members of the United States military's Reserve Component. These  
10 citizen soldiers and airmen have earned this benefit by leaving  
11 their families and civilian jobs to defend freedom.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
13 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recommends that the  
15 National Guard Bureau, the Department of Defense, the Department of  
16 Veterans Affairs, and the members of the Oklahoma congressional  
17 delegation support legislation to reduce the age at which a member  
18 of the United States Armed Forces Reserve Component can receive  
19 military retirement pay from age 60 to age 55.

20 THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the  
21 National Guard Bureau, the Department of Defense, the Department of  
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1 Veterans Affairs, and members of the Oklahoma congressional  
2 delegation.

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