

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

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4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1050

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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9 A Resolution supporting the elimination of barriers
10 that impede the transfer of military job skills to
11 civilian jobs; urging Congress to fund a certain
12 United States Department of Labor demonstration
13 project; urging Congress to engage in a national
14 dialogue to establish a process for transferring
15 military training to civilian certification and
16 licensure requirements; and directing distribution.

17 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense establishes,
18 measures, and evaluates performance standards for every occupation
19 within the Armed Forces, and as a result provides some of the best
20 vocational training in the nation to military personnel; and

21 WHEREAS, military vocational training is not recognized by
22 states, unions and other certifying and licensing entities as
23 fulfilling the training or educational certification and licensure
24 requirements of applicable civilian equivalent occupations; and

1 WHEREAS, many former military personnel who are certified as
2 proficient in their military occupational career, are not certified
3 or licensed to perform a comparable job in the civilian workforce
4 once they leave the military; and

5 WHEREAS, there are many occupational career fields in the Armed
6 Forces that could translate to a civilian occupation if the
7 Department of Defense, in collaboration with states, unions and
8 other certifying and licensing entities, would expand its training
9 curriculum to meet the various certification and licensure
10 requirements of applicable civilian equivalent occupations or forge
11 some other path to doing so; and

12 WHEREAS, if the Department of Defense expanded its training to
13 meet the requirements of civilian equivalent career paths, military
14 service members could take certification or licensure equivalency
15 examinations to gain journeyman status that is on par with the
16 military occupation level of proficiency for the state in which they
17 plan to reside, and then that state could confer the appropriate
18 journeyman equivalent status upon the military service member; and

19 WHEREAS, as military service members continue in the service,
20 additional training or education could be counted as continuing
21 training or education credits thereby allowing them to retain
22 certification or licensure status; and

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UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 WHEREAS, under Public Law 109-461, cited as the "Veterans
2 Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006", it
3 is recommended that the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment
4 and Training Service in the United States Department of Labor carry
5 out a demonstration project on credentialing to facilitate the
6 seamless transition of members of the Armed Forces to civilian
7 employment by selecting at least ten military occupational
8 specialties with a skill or set of skills that are required for
9 civilian employment in an industry with high growth or high worker
10 demand; and

11 WHEREAS, as part of the recommended demonstration project, the
12 Department of Labor was directed to cooperate with appropriate
13 federal, state and industry officials to reduce or eliminate
14 barriers of providing to veterans a credential, certification or
15 license based on the active duty military occupational specialty
16 skills, training or experience specialty the veteran had achieved,
17 but that portion of the project has never come to pass; and

18 WHEREAS, this specific Department of Labor demonstration project
19 has yet to take place and there has been little progress generally
20 on the elimination of employment barriers that impede the transfer
21 of military job skills to the civilian labor market; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2011 at the national convention, the Disabled
23 American Veterans organization agreed to support the elimination of

1 employment barriers that impede the transfer of military job skills
2 to the civilian labor market.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

5 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the
6 elimination of employment barriers that impede the transfer of
7 military job skills to the civilian labor market.

8 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges Congress to
9 fund the United States Department of Labor demonstration project as
10 recommended in the Veterans Benefits, Health Care, and Information
11 Technology Act of 2006 so that the project can be carried forward to
12 completion and be used as a springboard to facilitate development of
13 occupational career fields in the Armed Forces in such a manner as
14 to meet the various certification and licensure requirements of
15 applicable civilian equivalent occupations.

16 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges Congress to
17 engage in a national dialogue, working closely with the United
18 States Department of Defense, the United States Department of
19 Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Labor and other
20 administration agencies, as well as state governments, employers,
21 trade unions and licensure and credentialing entities to establish a
22 clear process so that the military training meets civilian
23 certification and licensure requirements.

1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the United
2 States Secretary of Labor, the United States Secretary of Defense,
3 the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and all members of
4 the Oklahoma Congressional delegation.

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