

State of Wisconsin



2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 65

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: honoring 50 years of volunteer service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Whereas, on January 27, 1973, the U.S. military officially ended the draft and transitioned to an all-volunteer force; and

Whereas, the U.S. Armed Forces have successfully fulfilled the military needs of the United States in the 50 years since, solely on the basis of voluntary service; and

Whereas, an all-volunteer force has been used in all military conflicts since 1973, including Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Department of Defense, since the end of military conscription in 1973 more than 11 million have joined active duty service, and today more than 1.5 million men and women serve across the total force; and

Whereas, voluntary service in the U.S. Armed Forces provides men and women with training, career mobility, financial benefits, community, connection, and common purpose; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Defense reports that the U.S. military's retention numbers are "outstanding," with every service exceeding 100 percent of its goals last year; and

Whereas, the all-volunteer Armed Forces are the most professional and capable military in the world and have been instrumental in preserving the freedoms and values of the United States; and

Whereas, the volunteer service of the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces represents a tradition of patriotism and sacrifice that is a vital part of the American spirit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature recognize and honor the sacrifices, contributions, and achievements of those who have volunteered to serve in the United States Armed Forces over the last 50 years.

Senator Chris Kapenga
President of the Senate

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Edward A. Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk