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2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 61

August 9, 2023 - Introduced by Senators WIMBERGER, BALLWEG, BRADLEY, CABRAL-GUEVARA, COWLES, HESSELBEIN, JAMES, KNODL, MARKLEIN, NASS, PFAFF, SPREITZER and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives KURTZ, PENTERMAN, C. ANDERSON, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, CALLAHAN, CONLEY, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, EDMING, GOEBEN, GUNDRUM, GUSTAFSON, S. JOHNSON, KITCHENS, MICHALSKI, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, ORTIZ-VELEZ, RATCLIFF, RETTINGER, SCHMIDT, SCHRAA, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPIROS, TITTL, TRANEL and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

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

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

6 Whereas, an all-volunteer force has been used in all military conflicts since
7 1973, including Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and
8 Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

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

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

