

Reps. Nofs, Bieda, Dennis, Voorhees, DeRossett, Caul, Middaugh, Farhat, Koetje, Walker, Pumford, Wenke, Moolenaar, DeRoche, Stahl, Huizenga, Wojno, Brandenburg, Accavitti, Garfield, Stakoe, Casperson, Woronchak, Milosch, Palsrok, Bisbee, Shackleton, Emmons, Hager, Hummel, Gaffney, Ward, Pastor, Tabor, Nitz, Caswell, Bradstreet, Van Regenmorter, Newell, Ehardt, Robertson, Amos, Pappageorge, Vander Veen, Steil, Shulman, Shaffer, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Taub, Richardville, Hune, LaJoy, Acciavatti, Gieleghem, Hunter, Vagnozzi, Meisner, Elkins, Gillard, Gleason, Lipsey, Spade, O'Neil, Smith, Rivet, Paletko, Sheltroun, Anderson, Plakas, Law, Minore, Hardman, Murphy, Jamnick, Kolb, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Farrah, Howell, Ruth Johnson, Julian, Kooiman, LaSata, Rocca, Sak and Tobocman offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 31.

A resolution to express support for our troops and to pledge our commitment to public policies that will advance the nation's efforts against terrorism and threats to liberty.

Whereas, As the United States military faces several difficult situations around the globe, Michigan is joining this effort to protect our liberties from a wide range of threats. Numerous National Guard units in Michigan have been called to active duty. Many of these personnel are going to replace other units that have been on duty throughout the country, and several are active in the work of providing homeland security; and

Whereas, While preserving our liberties in a troubled world always demands great vigilance and the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, the current situation is demonstrating the debt we owe to our fellow citizens in the military. Even though the threats facing us are in many ways different than those that have challenged previous generations, the role of courage and commitment in securing our freedoms remains as clear as ever; and

Whereas, Success in dealing with the crisis in Iraq and the continuing demands of the war on terrorism in countless locales requires not only the commitment of our troops, but also great sacrifices by the families of these brave Americans. These men, women, and children face difficulties in many ways, and the uncertain duration of the separation for many of them makes the situation even worse. Support for our troops is incomplete without support for them as well; and

Whereas, In the weeks and months that lie before us, there is no telling what will be asked of our country. We can, however, promise that the people of Michigan stand ready to express our support for our troops with public policy decisions that will advance the nation's efforts in the work before us; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express support for our troops and pledge our commitment to public policies that will advance the nation's efforts against terrorism and threats to liberty; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Defense, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Office of the President of the United States, and appropriate local military service organizations throughout Michigan.