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5 By: Representatives Roebuck, Wood, George, D. Creekmore
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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 TO ENCOURAGE ALL STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND
11 COMMISSIONS THAT REGULATE OCCUPATIONS AND
12 PROFESSIONS TO EXTEND LENIENCY TO LICENSE
13 HOLDERS, CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, AND REGISTRANTS WHO
14 ARE ACTIVATED MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
15 GUARD AND RESERVES.
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17 **Subtitle**

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19 AND COMMISSIONS THAT REGULATE
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22 NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES.
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24 WHEREAS, the volunteer citizen-soldiers of the National Guard and the
25 Reserves have been vital to the defense of the nation *since the first shot at*
26 *Concord to the fighting today in Iraq and Afghanistan; and*
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28 WHEREAS, the National Guard and Reserve military forces have responded
29 to every major national security threat in the history of the United States,
30 from the Revolutionary War and War of 1812, World War I, World War II, the
31 Korean War, the Vietnam War, and Operation Desert Storm to, most recently,
32 Operation Iraqi Freedom, not to mention numerous peacekeeping, security, and
33 reconstruction efforts all over the world; and
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35 WHEREAS, the National Guard and Reserves account for only a fraction of
36 the defense budget, but allow the nation to almost double the size of the



1 Armed Forces, making them an essential part of a total-force concept; and

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3 WHEREAS, the National Guard and Reserves are vital to the national
4 security of the United States; and

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6 WHEREAS, since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the
7 operational commitments of the United States Armed Forces, including the
8 National Guard and Reserves, have increased significantly; and

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10 WHEREAS, currently three thousand two hundred fifty (3,250) Arkansas
11 National Guard soldiers and airmen are serving on federal active duty; and

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13 WHEREAS, responding to the needs of their country has required
14 significant sacrifices on the part of the members of the National Guard and
15 Reserves and their families; and

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17 WHEREAS, members of the Arkansas National Guard and Reserves come from
18 all walks of life and often leave their jobs as teachers, emergency medical
19 technicians, police officers, firefighters, doctors, nurses, social workers,
20 plumbers, lawyers, accountants, auditors, and other occupations and
21 professions to serve their country; and

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23 WHEREAS, many occupations and professions are regulated by a board,
24 commission, or other entity, such as the Supreme Court, which licenses
25 lawyers; and

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27 WHEREAS, many occupations and professions that are regulated have
28 annual continuing education requirements, in-service requirements, minimum
29 annual duty requirements, annual fees, and other requirements or fees; and

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31 WHEREAS, members of the Arkansas National Guard and Reserves may have a
32 difficult, if not impossible, time fulfilling the requirements or paying the
33 fees to maintain their professional and occupational licenses while serving
34 on federal active duty,

1 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-
2 FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING
3 THEREIN:

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5 THAT the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas
6 encourages each and every state agency, board, or commission that regulates
7 occupations and professions to extend leniency to license holders,
8 certificate holders, and registrants who are activated members of the
9 Arkansas National Guard and Reserves, the leniency to include a grace period
10 for continuing education requirements, in-service requirements, minimum
11 annual duty requirements, and fees.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the
14 State of Arkansas encourages each and every entity that regulates occupations
15 and professions to provide a minimum grace period for activated members of
16 the Arkansas National Guard and Reserves of active duty plus twelve (12)
17 months.

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the clerk
20 of the House of Representatives shall mail a copy of this resolution to the
21 following state agencies, boards, and commissions that regulate occupations
22 and professions in the State of Arkansas:

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(1) Auctioneer's Licensing Board;

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(2) Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques;

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(3) Arkansas State Board of Architects;

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(4) Arkansas State Board of Athletic Training;

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(5) State Board of Barber Examiners;

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(6) Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

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(7) State Board of Cosmetology;

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(8) Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners;

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(9) Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians;

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(10) State Board of Education;

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(11) Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas of
34 the Department of Labor;

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(12) State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors;

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(13) Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling;

- 1 (14) Arkansas Psychology Board;
- 2 (15) Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
- 3 Audiology;
- 4 (16) State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
- 5 Counselors;
- 6 (17) Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers;
- 7 (18) Arkansas State Board of Landscape Architects;
- 8 (19) Arkansas State Board of Massage Therapy;
- 9 (20) Arkansas State Board of Nursing;
- 10 (21) State Board of Optometry;
- 11 (22) Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy;
- 12 (23) Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy;
- 13 (24) Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine;
- 14 (25) Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private
- 15 Security Agencies;
- 16 (26) Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy;
- 17 (27) State Board of Registered Interior Designers;
- 18 (28) State Board of Registered Residential Interior Designers;
- 19 (29) Arkansas State Board of Registration for Foresters;
- 20 (30) State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and
- 21 Land Surveyors;
- 22 (31) State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists;
- 23 (32) Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Soil
- 24 Classifiers;
- 25 (33) Arkansas State Board of Sanitarians;
- 26 (34) Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and
- 27 Training;
- 28 (35) Committee of Plumbing Examiners of the State Board of
- 29 Health;
- 30 (36) Department of Human Services;
- 31 (37) Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board;
- 32 (38) Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board;
- 33 (39) HVACR Licensing Board;
- 34 (40) Arkansas State Medical Board; and
- 35 (41) Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

36 /s/ Roebuck