

1-1 By: Lozano (Senate Sponsor - Campbell) H.C.R. No. 74
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2019;
 1-3 May 1, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
 1-4 Affairs & Border Security; May 10, 2019, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 10, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Men and women with full-time careers who are also
 1-17 reservists in the Texas National Guard or another reserve component
 1-18 of the United States armed forces provide a valuable service to
 1-19 Texas and the nation; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Also providing a valuable service to Texas and the
 1-21 nation are men and women who have made the reserves of the armed
 1-22 forces of the United States their full-time career; these military
 1-23 technicians provide day-to-day readiness and training in reserve
 1-24 component units and are considered to be federal employees; and

1-25 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, federal employees who are also
 1-26 reservists or who work full time in a reserve component unit are
 1-27 ineligible for TRICARE Reserve Select, the low-cost health benefits
 1-28 plan offered to all other reserve component service members;
 1-29 instead, these federal employees who are eligible for a federal
 1-30 health benefits plan must use a more expensive health benefits
 1-31 plan; and

1-32 WHEREAS, The cost difference between enrolling in TRICARE and
 1-33 a federal health benefits plan can be significant in a family
 1-34 budget; in a recent example, a full-time base services manager at an
 1-35 Air National Guard base estimated that she paid \$4,700 more of her
 1-36 \$57,000 annual salary for a federal health benefits plan than she
 1-37 would for TRICARE; and

1-38 WHEREAS, To address the different treatment of reserve
 1-39 component service members who are federal employees, Congress is
 1-40 considering H.R. 613/S. 164, the TRICARE Reserve Select
 1-41 Improvement Act, to remove the prohibition on eligibility for
 1-42 TRICARE of members of the reserve components of the armed forces who
 1-43 are eligible to enroll in a federal health benefits plan; and

1-44 WHEREAS, Enacting the TRICARE Reserve Select Improvement Act
 1-45 would reduce the financial burden on valued members of the Texas
 1-46 National Guard and other reserve components of the United States
 1-47 armed forces; now, therefore, be it

1-48 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-49 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact
 1-50 H.R. 613/S. 164, the TRICARE Reserve Select Improvement Act; and,
 1-51 be it further

1-52 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
 1-53 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
 1-54 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
 1-55 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
 1-56 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
 1-57 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
 1-58 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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