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The Honorable Elizabeth Dole
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of 34 nationally prominent military and veteran organizations, representing more than 5.5 million members plus their families and survivors, appreciates your leadership and constant support of the military and wholeheartedly endorse your joint resolution with Congressman Trent Franks that would support a base defense budget floor of four percent of gross domestic product.

As the Nation prosecutes the global war on terror, the defense budget, as compared to the overall gross domestic product, continues to decline. This is counter-intuitive as several key defense leaders and commanders have testified on the need to "reset" the Army based on the negative affects that the war has had on military equipment and overall readiness. Specifically, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, has stated that four percent of GDP should be the "absolute floor" for the overall military budget.

Your resolution outlines Congress' instrumental role in providing adequate resources to ensure a strong national defense – a principle the Coalition has always endorsed.

The Coalition again applauds your joint resolution and we thank you for your outstanding support of our men and women in uniform.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition
(Signatures enclosed)

cc: The Honorable Trent Franks

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
American Logistics Association
AMVETS (American Veterans)
Army Aviation Association of America
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States
Association of the United States Army
Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association, U.S. Coast Guard
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Fleet Reserve Association
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America
Marine Corps League
Marine Corps Reserve Association
Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Guard Association of the United States
National Military Family Association
National Order of Battlefield Commissions
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Naval Reserve Association
Navy League of the United States
Non Commissioned Officers Association
Reserve Enlisted Association of the United States
Reserve Officers Association
Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces
The Retired Enlisted Association
United States Army Warrant Officers Association
United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Veterans' Widows International Network