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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Military Coalition, a consortium of 35 nationally prominent military and veteran's organizations, representing more than 5.5 million members plus their families and survivors, is writing to urge you to support and approve H. Con.Res 328. This Resolution was passed by the House of Representatives on March 24<sup>th</sup> and forwarded to the Senate for action. It seeks to recognize and honor the members of the United States Armed Forces through the designation of May as National Military Appreciation Month in the years to come.

H.Con.Res 328 would place on the calendar in perpetuity the National Military Appreciation Month thereby calling on the citizens of the United States, in a symbolic act of unity, to honor the current and former members of the Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of national security, freedom and peace. It urges the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States, all Federal Departments and agencies, states, localities, organizations and media to annually observe a National Military Appreciation Month through appropriate ceremonies and activities.

This Resolution is of great importance to those on active duty, in the Reserve Component, veteran's, their families and survivors. It recognizes the contributions and sacrifices made by those who have served or are still serving in the Armed Forces. With the enactment of this measure a grateful Nation will show its appreciation to all servicemembers who gave freely to protecting America's freedoms and safeguarding our national security.

Please cosponsor and favorably report H.Con.Res. 328 and do all you can to make National Military Appreciation Month a permanent event.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition  
(Signatures Enclosed)