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The Honorable Tom Davis  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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, thanks you for your leadership in sponsoring H. Con. Res. 328 recognizing and honoring the United States Armed forces and supporting the designation of an annual National Military Appreciation Month to be observed each May.

The recognition of a month dedicated to honor the current and former members of the Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace, is long overdue. To publicly recognize the sacrifices made for freedom, we strongly urge 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 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Your Resolution is of great importance to those serving on active duty, in the Reserve Components, veterans and their families and survivors. It not only recognizes the contributions made by those in the Armed Forces, it will raise the awareness of and respect for this aspect of our heritage and encourage the people of the United States to dedicate themselves to the values and principles for which Americans have served and sacrificed throughout the history of the Nation. Additionally, it will assist the youth of the United States to understand that the service provided by members of the Armed forces is honorable and appreciated. Such service protects the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States as well as peoples around the world.

The Military Coalition very much appreciates your leadership in campaigning to establish an annual National Military Appreciation Month. We look forward to working closely with you to gain maximum cosponsorship and to win enactment of H.Con. Res. 328.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition  
(Signatures Enclosed)