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The Honorable Thelma Drake
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Drake:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of uniformed services and veterans associations representing more than 5.5 million current and former servicemembers and their families and survivors, is writing to express our appreciation and support for H.R. 3026, the Military Spouses Memorial Act of 2007. Your provision to authorize a military spouse monument in the Washington, D.C., area will be a great tribute to all military spouses, from all generations.

TMC would also like to extend our grateful appreciation to the Military Spouse Legacy Association, Inc., for bringing this initiative to your attention. A monument that memorializes military spouses, past, present and future will help us to never forget the personal sacrifices and contributions spouses have made over the years to family and force readiness. We know that if the family is ready, the military force is ready.

Military spouses are an essential part of our country's history and we thank you for sponsoring this important measure. The Coalition looks forward to working with you and the Military Spouse Legacy Association, Inc., to enact this provision.

Thank you again

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition
(signatures enclosed)

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 Association for Uniformed Services
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