

**Resolution No. 410**

**SUPPORT STABILITY AND RELIEF FOR MILITARY FAMILIES**

WHEREAS, approximately half of the total force is married--with approximately 5.1% of active duty marriages being dual-military--and 41% have children; and

WHEREAS, family stability and resiliency is a key aspect of service member readiness and retention; and

WHEREAS, the operations tempo, compounded by the impacts of sequestration on everything from quality of life programs to permanent change of station timelines, have created unsustainable stress levels for service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, persistent issues, such as military spouse employment challenges, gaps in support for relocating and transitioning service members with children in the Exceptional Family Member Program, and reliable childcare continue to degrade morale and retention; and

WHEREAS, military policies are often out-of-date and do not address the needs of the current force with regards to work-life balance; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we call upon the Department of Defense and Congress to review and strengthen programs and policies that support military family readiness and meet our nation's obligations to those who serve and those who serve alongside them.

Submitted by the Commander-in-Chief  
To the Committee on NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN AFFAIRS