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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Reinstatement of the Full Honor Guard for Military Funerals**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the President and Congress of the United States to  
4 reinstate the practice of supplying a full honor guard for the funerals of  
5 honorably discharged members of the military, regardless of their branch of  
6 service or length of service, and urging the President and Congress of the United  
7 States to increase funding for the reinstatement of the military honor guard to  
8 cope with the increased demands of an aging veteran population.

9 WHEREAS, The services provided to this country by veterans who have served  
10 in active duty in the military are deserving of special recognition; and

11 WHEREAS, Military honor guard funerals are a unique and honorable way to  
12 salute this valuable service; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Army has traditionally performed full honor  
14 guard services for deceased and honorably discharged veterans at their funerals; and

15 WHEREAS, The families of honorably discharged veterans depend on the  
16 United States Military to provide these unique services to families of such veterans;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The population of veterans is aging, and families of deceased  
19 veterans will increasingly rely on the United States Military to provide this service;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Cutbacks in the operating budgets of the United States Military  
22 have reduced the availability of military honor guards to perform this service; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the  
25 President of the United States and the Congress of the United States are respectfully  
26 urged to reinstate the practice of allowing the full honor guard to be present at all  
27 military funerals; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the budget of the United States Military be increased to allow  
2 honor guards to be present at all military funerals; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
4 Legislative Services to the President of the United States; the Presiding Officer of  
5 both branches of the United States Congress; the Maryland Congressional  
6 Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office  
7 Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L.  
8 Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G.  
9 Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building,  
10 Washington, D.C. 20515.