

JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED
by the
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
and the
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Joint Resolution No. 1
(Senate Joint Resolution No. 2)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Military Retirement – Disability Compensation Benefits

FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to amend a certain provision of federal law to permit full concurrent receipt of certain retirement and disability benefits.

WHEREAS, Legislation has been introduced in the United States Congress to remedy an inequity applicable to military retirees who have a service-connected disability; and

WHEREAS, The inequity concerns those veterans who are both retired and disabled who are denied the right to concurrent receipt of full retirement pay based on longevity and disability compensation benefits proportionate to the severity of their injuries; and

WHEREAS, A military retiree who is disabled is now required to waive an amount of retirement pay equal to the amount of disability compensation benefits; and

WHEREAS, The deduction from retirement pay of disability compensation benefits unfairly denies disabled military retirees the longevity pay they have earned by their years of devoted patriotism; and

WHEREAS, The deduction from retirement pay of disability compensation benefits is not required of retirees from federal civil service; and

WHEREAS, Federal legislation is necessary to correct the inequity that exists for military retirees who are disabled; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly of Maryland urges the United States Congress to amend Title 38, § 3104(a) of the United States Code to permit full concurrent receipt of military longevity retirement pay and service-connected disability compensation benefits; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Helen Delich Bentley, Benjamin L. Cardin,