

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6008

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10 A RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to expedite
11 citizenship for immigrants who serve honorably in the United States
12 Armed Forces.

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14 WHEREAS, In times of war, immigrants have the same obligations to
15 defend this country as native-born citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, Lawful permanent residents and naturalized citizens are
17 equally subject to the draft; and

18 WHEREAS, Immigrants, like native citizens, have expressed their loy-
19 alty to this country by serving voluntarily in the United States Armed
20 Forces; and

21 WHEREAS, Historically, immigrants have made remarkable contri-
22 butions to our nation's military strength through their knowledge, energy
23 and courageous actions; and

24 WHEREAS, Over 62,000 immigrants serve on active duty in today's
25 all-volunteer military, comprising 4.8 percent of all enlisted personnel on
26 active duty in the United States Armed Forces; and

27 WHEREAS, Of the millions who have served in the United States
28 Armed Forces, only a few thousand have received the Medal of Honor;
29 however, more than 20 percent of the total number of Medal of Honor
30 recipients, 715 out of 3,405 are immigrants; and

31 WHEREAS, In 2002, President Bush signed Executive Order 13269
32 which makes those persons serving honorably in active-duty status in the
33 United States Armed Forces eligible for certain statutory exceptions to
34 the naturalization requirements, however the Congress has yet to pass
35 any legislation to designate a time frame for expedited citizenship appli-
36 cations: Now, therefore,

37 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
38 That we urge the Congress of the United States to recognize the contri-
39 bution made by immigrants who have expressed their loyalty to this coun-
40 try by expediting citizenship for those immigrants who serve honorably
41 in the United States Armed Forces; and

42 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-
43 sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of

1 the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
2 of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of
3 the Kansas Congressional Delegation.