

FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: APRIL 22, 2013 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 1

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN HONOR, RECOGNITION, APPRECIATION, SUPPORT AND CELEBRATION OF THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE AND ITS COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND SERVICE TO AMERICA

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: See Attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: April 17, 2013
COUNTY MANAGER

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CELEBRATION OF THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE
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WHEREAS, in 1908, the nation's leaders created the first reserve force of medically trained Army officers, known as the Medical Reserve Corps from the civilian sector; and

WHEREAS, now more than twenty percent of the Army's assets lie within today's Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, in 1916, Congress passed the National Defense Act, creating the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, later named the Organized Reserve Corps (ORC), all of which are forerunners of the current Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, in both World Wars, Army Reserve Soldiers answered the call of duty. In World War I, 89,500 reserve officers were mobilized and during World War II, 200,000 members of the ORC participated, with reserve officers providing twenty-nine percent of the Army's Officers; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, legislation renamed the ORC as the Army Reserve and then divided it into three reserves, a Ready Reserve, a Standby Reserve, and a Retired Reserve. Legislation also provided that reserve units have twenty-four training days and up to seventeen days of annual training; and

WHEREAS, the Army Reserve has been an integral part of numerous conflicts. More than seventy Army Reserve units were deployed to the Korean Peninsula, well over 120,000 Soldiers have provided combat support and combat service support during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and others provided support in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and currently over 12,000 Army Reserve Soldiers are deployed around the world; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Army Reserve has changed over time. Moving from a Strategic Reserve to an Operational Force, the Army Reserve provides resources and training to first-responder organizations across the nation, trains Soldiers, implements national objectives, keeps the Army mobile, and enables the Army to do more with constrained resources; and

WHEREAS, the Army Reserve makes up twenty percent of the Army's organized units, while supporting one half of the Army's combat support and one-fourth of its mobilization base expansion capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this Resolution in honor, recognition, appreciation, support, and celebration of the 105th anniversary of the United States Army Reserve, and its commitment, dedication, and service to America.

Adopted this 22nd day of April, 2013.