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JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to preserve the continuity of the United States Marine Corps in enacting legislation to merge the armed forces.

WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps, founded in 1775, is the oldest branch of the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Its history is replete with deeds of bravery and daring, from the founding of our nation to the glorious struggles for Iwo Jima and Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, The United States Marines have fought to make our country's flag respected in every part of the globe and by their presence and readiness to sacrifice, have made the seven seas safe for American travelers; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Wisconsin's sons have served ably and well and many have gallantly lost their lives in the uniforms of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Legislation has been proposed in the Congress of the United States to merge the armed forces, and among the proposals are bills which would give to administrative officers in other branches of the service the sole power to wipe out by a scratch of the pen the existence of the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Such extinction of the United States Marine Corps would be a grave injustice to the brave men who have for 172 years written its glorious tradition with their life's blood; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to provide by legislation for the continued existence of the United States Marine Corps as a branch of the armed forces in any merger of such forces; and be it further

Resolved, That duly attested copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the clerks of both houses of the Congress of the United States, and to each member of the Congress from Wisconsin with the request that they strive to preserve the continuity of the United States Marine Corps.

United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

“Article—

“SECTION 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

“SECTION 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.”

Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be and the same is hereby ratified by the legislature of the state of Wisconsin; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this joint resolution, certified by the secretary of state be forwarded by the governor to the secretary of state at Washington, and the presiding officer of each house of the congress of the United States.