

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1458

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and celebrating the long history of the Marine Corps Reserve and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation's commitments to serving the local communities across the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and celebrating the long history of the Marine Corps Reserve and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation's commitments to serving the local communities across the United States.

Whereas the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program was created in 1947 by William "Bill" Hendricks, a Major in the Marine Corps Reserve, to assist orphaned and less fortunate children following World War II;

Whereas, during the holiday season in 1947, Major Hendricks and his Marine Corps Reserve unit provided over 5,000 toys to children in the Los Angeles area;

Whereas the Commandant of the Marine Corps established the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program as a nationwide effort in 1948;

Whereas the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation was created in 1991 as a tax-exempt organization, pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to continue the administration of the program;

Whereas the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program was assigned as an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve, and an official activity of the Marine Corps, in 1995;

Whereas the mission of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted, in order to contribute to the welfare of the local community, increase public awareness, and enhance the image of the Marine Corps;

Whereas the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has expanded to cover all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam, and includes 142 Marine Corps Reserve Unit campaigns and over 800 campaigns run by civilian volunteers; and

Whereas the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has provided more than 604,000,000 toys and 1,800,000 books to over 272,000,000 of the Nation's less fortunate children, including over 180,000 children who are part of the Toys for Tots Native American Program, while maintaining a 97:3 program-to-support ratio: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Ma-
3 rine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program;

4 (2) recognizes and thanks the Marine Toys for
5 Tots Foundation for its tireless efforts to aid under-
6 served children throughout our great Nation; and

7 (3) applauds the Marine Corps Reserve and the
8 Marine Toys for Tots Foundation for their past,
9 present, and future efforts to bring Christmas joy to
10 millions of children year after year.

○