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**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Paul W. Semmel, Majority Chairman  
Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee

**SUBJECT:** Cosponsorship of House Resolution

*P.W.S.*

In the near future, I will be introducing a House Resolution which urges Congress to permit full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA veterans benefits compensation for service disabled military retirees.

Under an antiquated 111 year old law, service disabled military retirees are not allowed to receive both military retirement and VA disability compensation at the same time. Career military retired veterans are the only group of federal retirees required to waive their retirement in order to receive VA disability. This resolution would urge Congress to secure funding for a Retired Pay Restoration Act which would enable these men and women to receive both of these hard earned benefits/compensation monies.

This resolution was drafted on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission, which voted unanimously to have the State legislature intervene on their behalf on this important issue.

If you would like to become a cosponsor of this resolution, please contact my office at [phand@pahousegop.com](mailto:phand@pahousegop.com) or call 787-3017.

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