

House Resolution 580

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Gardner of the 57th, Abrams of the 84th, and Benfield of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending certain generals for their strong position on the armed forces' "don't ask, don't
2 tell" policy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, according to the Associated Press, more than 100 retired generals and admirals
4 have called for the repeal of the armed forces' "don't ask, don't tell" policy; and

5 WHEREAS, while the incoming administration of President Barack Obama has expressed
6 support of such repeal, he stated during his presidential campaign that he would not do so on
7 his own; and

8 WHEREAS, President Obama believes that the way to repeal the armed forces' "don't ask,
9 don't tell" policy is to work with military leaders to build a consensus supporting the removal
10 of the policy; and

11 WHEREAS, Retired Admiral Charles Larson, a two-time superintendent of the U.S. Naval
12 Academy who signed the statement, has said that he hopes that the Obama administration
13 would take more time to work with the Pentagon; and

14 WHEREAS, these 100 generals publicly taking such a strong stance on the armed forces'
15 "don't ask, don't tell" policy is an important first step toward building the consensus
16 necessary to ultimately repeal the policy.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body commend the 100 generals who have taken such a strong stance
19 on the armed forces' "don't ask, don't tell policy."

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the President of the United

22 States, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President of the U.S. Senate,
23 and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.