

House Resolution 1163

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Taylor of the 79th, Abrams of the 89th, Smyre of the 135th, Holcomb of the 81st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the United Service Organizations on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United Service Organizations, known as the USO, is a recognized nonprofit,
4 501(c)(3) organization chartered by the United States Congress to provide support and
5 service to the members of the United States armed forces and their families, both in the
6 United States and abroad; and

7 WHEREAS, the mission of the United Service Organizations, founded on February 4, 1941,
8 is to strengthen America's military service members by keeping them connected to family,
9 home, and country throughout the time of their service to the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, on February 4, 2016, the United Service Organizations will celebrate 75 years
11 of continuous service to members of the United States armed forces and their families; and

12 WHEREAS, the United Service Organizations in Georgia maintains and operates facilities
13 at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Robins Air Force Base, and Savannah
14 International Airport, as well as outreach programs at Fort Gordon, Fort Benning, Hunter
15 Army Airfield, and Fort Stewart to support members of the United States armed forces and
16 members of the National Guard and their families; and

17 WHEREAS, the United Service Organizations provides assistance to new recruits reporting
18 for basic training; new graduates from basic and advanced training; all active duty military
19 personnel and their families, including assistance for troops assigned to overseas duty; troops
20 deploying and redeploying to assignments; TDY personnel; transient military families; and
21 families of the fallen and transitioning veterans through Hire Heroes USA; and

22 WHEREAS, the United Service Organizations in Georgia has provided assistance and
23 support to over 200,000 military service members and their families annually through centers
24 and outreach programs, including hospitality, welcome home activities, deployment and

25 family readiness events, morale and welfare services; tickets for sports and entertainment
26 events; Stronger Families seminars; Comfort Crew for military kids; and transition to civilian
27 life and employment services; and

28 WHEREAS, United Service Organizations was awarded the Department of Defense
29 Certificate of Recommendation for its service to 2 million deployment troops on Operation
30 R&R through Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and throughout the rest of the
31 state; and

32 WHEREAS, this organization has a dedicated volunteer core of over 900 individuals who
33 provide services continuously every day of the year.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize the United Service Organizations on the occasion of its
36 75th anniversary and commend the organization for its dedicated public service.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available to the United Service
39 Organizations.