

Senate Resolution 683

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Rhett of the 33rd, Wicks of the 34th, Anderson of the 43rd,  
Brass of the 6th and others

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating and commending the United Service Organizations; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the United Service Organizations (USO) will be celebrating the 85th  
3 anniversary of its founding on February 4, 2026; and
- 4 WHEREAS, founded in 1941 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the USO is a private,  
5 congressionally chartered nonprofit uniting six agencies, YMCA, YWCA, National Catholic  
6 Community Service, the Salvation Army, the National Jewish Welfare Board, and Travelers  
7 Aide, to form the independent organization that serves as the nation's leading organization  
8 supporting the men and women of the United States military and their families, with a  
9 mission to strengthen the well-being of the people serving in America's military and their  
10 families; and
- 11 WHEREAS, from the moment service members join the military, through their assignments  
12 and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO remains by their  
13 side throughout their time in uniform; and

14 WHEREAS, the USO's leadership, volunteers, and donors are united by a shared  
15 commitment to service and devote countless hours, resources, and talents to connecting  
16 service members and their families to the nation's gratitude, support, and communities; and

17 WHEREAS, today's USO continuously adapts to the evolving needs of the men and women  
18 in uniform and their families by operating centers, programs, and expeditionary services at  
19 or near military installations across the United States and around the world, including in  
20 combat zones and unstaffed service sites; and

21 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, the USO provides programs, services, and expeditionary  
22 support at Fort Benning, Fort Stewart, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, The  
23 Georgia National Guard, and outreach to all Military Installations in Georgia to include Fort  
24 Gordon, Robins AFB, Dobbins AFB, Moody AFB, Albany Marine Corps Logistics, Kings  
25 Bay Naval Submarine Base and Hunter Army Airfield; and

26 WHEREAS, during times of national crisis, including the events of September 11, 2001,  
27 natural disasters, and the COVID-19 pandemic, the USO has remained steadfast in its  
28 mission, providing critical care and support to United States service members, including  
29 members of the Georgia National Guard; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
31 extraordinary nonprofit organization be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 congratulate the United Service Organizations for 85 years of dedicated service, commend  
34 it for its many outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, and extend best  
35 wishes for its continued growth, development, and success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Secretary of the Senate is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
38 United Service Organizations.