

tired pay of those retired after that date be computed at the newly established higher rates; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no basis for this gross discrimination against such retired personnel who, by reason of past meritorious services, should be equally entitled to benefits granted to retired personnel retired after the effective date of the Military Pay Act of 1958, Public Law 85-422; and

WHEREAS, a failure to maintain the same standard for the computation of retired pay of all members of the uniformed services of the United States, regardless of the date of their retirement, will cause defections from active service of career officers and thus prove detrimental to the national defense and security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, retired members of the uniformed services of the United States reside in every portion of our country, however, the State of Minnesota is privileged to have great numbers of such retired personnel who have served their country faithfully and with distinction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Minnesota, that the Legislature of Minnesota respectfully memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation, similar to that proposed in S. 269, S. 541, and H. R. 703 of the 86th Congress, to provide that the retired pay of those retired before Jun 1, 1958, be computed on the same basis as the computation of the retired pay of such members retired after June 1, 1958; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice-President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from the State of Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.

Approved April 24, 1959.

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RESOLUTION No. 8—H. F. No. 1888

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation creating a Youth Conservation Corps to provide healthful outdoor training and employment for young men and to advance the conservation, development, and management of national resources of timber, soil, and water, and of recreational areas.*

WHEREAS, an ever-increasing number of young people 16 to 22 years of age in our society are unable to find employment; and

WHEREAS, unemployed youth under 20 years of age in Minnesota numbered 14,000 in February, 1959, according to federal estimates reported by the Minnesota Department of Employment Security; and

WHEREAS, such growing unemployment results from the increasing mechanization and automation in agriculture, industry, and clerical and service activities, and is therefore no transitory problem; and

WHEREAS, many of these young people who are unemployed have special need to learn habits of work, responsibility, skills, and self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, idleness at this period of their lives will turn many of them into embittered and frustrated citizens, crippled vocationally and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, the protection of our natural resources in soil, water, forest, and wildlife is essential to the continued economic and spiritual health of our society, at the same time that conservation projects offer unlimited and non-competitive work opportunities to our young people; and

WHEREAS, both youth unemployment and conservation needs are nation-wide and require federal attention,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the Congress of the United States be respectfully requested to enact immediately legislation now before it to establish a Youth Conservation Corps, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota be instructed to transmit copies of the Joint Resolution to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved April 24, 1959.

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