

## **Resolution of Support for Concurrent Receipt of Military Retirement Pay and VA Disability Compensation**

WHEREAS there are currently, some 50,000 military retirees with combat-related injuries qualify for retirement pay for their service from the Department of Defense, and for compensation for service-connected disabilities from VA; and

WHEREAS those forced to medically retire under Chapter 61 and those with a 40% or lower VA disability rating will have their military retirement pay reduced by the amount of VA disability compensation received; and

WHEREAS retirement benefits and disability compensation are two separate benefits, provided for two separate reasons, and should never be conflated; and

WHEREAS the Major Richard Star Act would repeal this draconian offset for those veterans who are medically retired due to injuries sustained in combat allowing them to receive both their retirement pay and their disability compensation; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Congress support the concurrent receipt of military retirement pay and VA disability compensation and pass the Major Richard Star Act.

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