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## ROA Supports Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs

WASHINGTON – As contemporary American society affords few opportunities for youth to have firsthand contact or knowledge of the armed services through teachers, parents or relatives, The Reserve Officers Association of the United States recognizes the importance of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs throughout the country.

ROA has urged Congress to fully fund JROTC programs of the various branches of the armed services and expand such programs to include the addition of new, qualified schools to the program.

At the same time, ROA supports expansion of laws to deny federal funds to cities, counties, states and school districts that deny or discourage, deny or restrict the establishment, maintenance or efficient operation of a JROTC unit in their jurisdiction.

The Reserve Officers Association is the professional association for all uniformed services of the United States. Chartered by Congress and in existence since 1922, ROA advises and educates the Congress, the President and the American people on issues of national security, with unique expertise on Reserve issues. ROA advocates for adequate funding of equipment and training requirements, recruiting and retention incentives, and employment rights for all members of the Reserve.

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