RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL TO BE ARMED ON ALL MILITARY BASES AND RECRUITMENT CENTERS

WHEREAS, All branches of the U.S. Military are professionally trained on the proper use, safety, and handling of weapons;

WHEREAS, There has been an increase in incidents of random violence on military bases and recruitment centers in the past seven years; for example:

1. One private was murdered and one wounded in an attack on an Army recruiting station in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 1, 2009;

2. Thirteen people were murdered and over 30 injured because they were unable to defend themselves when attacked by a heavily armed killer at Fort Hood, TX on November 5, 2009;

3. A lone gunman murdered twelve people in a shooting at the Washington Navy Yard on September 13, 2013; and

4. Military recruiters in Chattanooga, Tennessee were unable to defend themselves when attacked by a heavily armed murderer carrying 30-round magazines when he opened fire and took the lives of four US Marines on July 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, It is completely illogical that trained military personnel would be denied the right to defend themselves from armed attackers anywhere, anytime;

WHEREAS, Congressman Duncan Hunter (CA) has authored H.R. 3139 granting permission for eligible members of the Armed Forces to carry a service-issue sidearm in military recruitment centers; and

WHEREAS, Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and other Democrat leaders have made anti-gun and anti-Second Amendment statements that leave their support for such a common sense proposal in serious question; therefore be it
RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee urges Congress to pass and the President to sign into law Congressman Duncan Hunter’s bill, H.R. 3139 which would allow trained military personnel to bear arms in military recruitment centers; and

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee urges Congress to pass and the President to sign into law measures allowing trained military personnel to bear arms in all other military installations.