

**News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**  
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### **Spratt Statement Honoring U.S. Armed Forces Fighting Terrorism**

*WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) submitted the following statement to the House in support of House Joint Resolution 27, commending all members of the U.S. armed forces who are fighting the global war on terrorism. The resolution was approved overwhelmingly on March 5.*

"This measure is a simple gesture, but I hope it will convey the profound gratitude we feel for the service provided by our men and women in uniform. Since I was elected to Congress 20 years ago, I have represented Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina, which provides nearly 40 percent of the Air Force capability to 'Suppress Enemy Air Defenses.' Like most members, I also represent hundreds of men and women in the National Guard and Reserves, who are contributing to this nation's defense now more than ever. So I know firsthand of the dedication we salute today.

"To all of you I offer this message. Your selfless dedication to the defense of America, your willingness to go in harm's way, your unparalleled capabilities and bravery warrant our highest praise and deepest appreciation. To all of you, wherever you are serving, I extend a heartfelt 'thank you.'"

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