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In Senate, March 25, 1959

On motion of Senator Charles of Cumberland, referred to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

MEMORIAL

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress Assembled

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO EQUALIZE
RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED
FORCES WHO RETIRED PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1958.

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of Maine in the Ninety-ninth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, there is now pending before the Congress of the United States legislation concerning the improvement of benefits for retired members of the United States armed forces who retired prior to June 1, 1958; and

Whereas, there appears to be no basis for the gross discrimination against retired personnel who retired before June 1, 1958, as they are, by reason of past meritorious services, equally entitled to the increased benefits granted personnel who retire, or have retired, after such date; and

Whereas, this false distinction violates the basic precepts of fair play and the circumstances of retirement should not penalize these honorable members of our society, who must meet the present ever-increasing cost of living the same as personnel that retired after June 1, 1958; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the Memorialists, recommend to the Congress of the United States that legislation be enacted that will increase the retirement benefits of the retired personnel who retired prior to June 1, 1958, so that they will be treated equally with personnel who retire, or have retired, after such date; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress of the United States.