

## HCONRES 28

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding sexual assaults and rape in the military.

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Committee Activity

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Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 27, 2009)

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Calls for the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive strategy to increase and encourage investigation and prosecution of sexual assault and rape cases in the military.

Sets forth elements to be included in such strategy, including: (1) requiring commanders to be held accountable for sexual assaults and rapes in their units and for disposition of such cases; (2) developing prevention and response programs to create a culture that prevents sexual assault and rape in the military and encourages more reporting by victims; (3) reviewing the capacity of the legal infrastructure in the military to investigate and prosecute effectively sexual assault cases; (4) examining any barriers on military facilities to conducting effective investigations of sexual assault and rape cases; and (5) ensuring that the command affords an alleged sexual assault victim an opportunity for a base transfer should a military protection order be issued.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 6, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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