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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Student Veterans Association
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SB14-13/14
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Whereas, the Student Veterans Association (SVA) is requesting that the Montana University System grant military service members in-state status for college tuition rates;

Whereas, over the next ten years approximately 250,000 service members will be leaving the military due to budgetary concerns and downsizing;

Whereas, many of these service members are expected to return to school in order to utilize their Gİ Bill benefits and to gain the skills needed to return to the work force;

Whereas, welcoming these service members and their families into the Montana University System will increase student enrollment and create more revenue for college communities;

Whereas, many states already afford veterans this benefit or are currently moving toward affording veterans this benefit;

Whereas, veterans have given a great service to Missoula, the State of Montana, and the United States of America and this idea is one small way that we as a state can give back to the veteran community;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) endorses and fully supports the SVA plan to gain in-state tuition status for all veterans in Montana.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a letter to this effect be delivered to Clay Skeens, President of the SVA; Royce Engstrom, President of the University of Montana; and Brenda York, Director of Disability Services at Montana State University.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: ___________________________, 2013

Jan Roddy, Mariah Williams,
Relations and Affairs Chair Chair of the Senate