RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CORNYN-MCCARTHY MILITARY VOTING PROTECTION ACT

WHEREAS, those serving in the U.S. military deserve the highest level of support from the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote and the right of a secret ballot are fundamental rights that should be protected for all those serving in the U.S. military; and

WHEREAS, current Federal ballot delivery procedures require 3 weeks or more to deliver completed ballots home, stateside, from overseas deployment; and

WHEREAS, an express mail delivery system could reduce the delivery time back home, stateside, for overseas military ballots from 3 weeks to just 4 days; and

WHEREAS, the Military Voting Protection Act to establish such an express mail system, H.R. 2393, sponsored by Rep. Kevin McCarthy and the identical S. 1026, sponsored by Sen. John Cornyn, has bipartisan support in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Legislative Exchange Council urges all Members of the U.S. Congress to Co-Sponsor the Military Voting Protection Act in their designated body and to work for its speedy enactment in order to protect the integrity of the ballot process of our U.S. military deployed overseas during election cycles.

Approved by the Public Safety and Elections Task Force on July 17, 2009.

Approved by the ALEC Board of Directors on August 27, 2009.