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**STATEMENT OF CORRINE BROWN,
RANKING MINORITY MEMBER**

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Senate Dirksen, Room G-50
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Legislative Presentation of

Jewish War Veterans, Air Force Sergeants Association, The Retired Enlisted Association, Fleet Reserve Association, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, National Guard Association of the United States, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Gold Star Wives and Wounded Warrior Project

Opening Statement

- **Good Morning. Thank you Chairman Isakson and Chairman Miller for giving us the opportunity to hear from the leadership of these outstanding military service organizations.**

- Welcome to you all. Congress is fortunate to have your organizations help speak for the millions of veterans across the country. I look forward to hearing your priorities today.
- I want to take a moment to recognize those of you representing Florida and our rich heritage of military service. Thank you for making the trip up to the nation's capital.
- Congress is honored to have you as partners as we work to keep our promise to America's veterans. Ensuring that the Department of Veterans' Affairs can meet

the challenges of the future is an important job that requires many inputs. With your expertise, professionalism and untiring devotion to our veterans, I am confident we are up to the task.

- Thank you for your many years of service to our country and its veterans. Again, I look forward to your testimonies today.
- Thank you Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.