

*November 2, 2009*

Washington, D.C. – Today, a resolution authored by Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) honoring the Tri-Valley based Sentinels of Freedom program passed the House of Representatives. H.Res. 461 commends Sentinels of Freedom for their work offering comprehensive support to veterans severely injured in the line of duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. The program provides these veterans with mentoring and the tools to enroll in school, find and maintain a job, and obtain housing. Sentinels of Freedom has now enrolled a total of 51 veterans in the program and expects to help many more in the coming years.

“I’m proud that Sentinels of Freedom was honored today in our Nation’s Capitol,” said Rep. McNerney. “This program is offering hope and opportunity to the brave men and women who have sacrificed greatly for our country. Sentinels of Freedom deserves strong commendation for their hard work on behalf of our veterans.”

Mike Conklin, Chairman and CEO of Sentinels of Freedom, joined Congressman McNerney in applauding the passage of the resolution. “I’m thrilled that thanks to Congressman McNerney’s leadership, Sentinels of Freedom was recognized today by the House of Representatives. We are humbled by this honor and pledge to continue our work on behalf of our veterans. Together, we can honor the men and women who have sacrificed for our nation.”

The text of the resolution is below.

## **RESOLUTION**

Honoring Sentinels of Freedom and commending the dedication, commitment, and extraordinary work of the organization

Whereas in 2003, Sentinels of Freedom, based in San Ramon and Danville, California, was established;

Whereas the mission of Sentinels of Freedom is to provide life-changing opportunities for men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and who have suffered severe injuries;

Whereas the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation was created to benefit qualified veterans severely injured in the line of duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001;

Whereas Sentinels of Freedom provides four year scholarships that help veterans to become self-sufficient;

Whereas scholarship recipients receive support to enroll in school, find and maintain a job, and obtain housing;

Whereas Sentinels of Freedom organizes teams of local volunteers that provide mentoring and moral support for scholarship recipients;

Whereas Sentinels of Freedom has excelled in providing assistance to veterans;

Whereas thanks to Sentinels of Freedom, 39 veterans have benefited from scholarships and many more will in the coming years: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives--

(1) honors Sentinels of Freedom;

(2) commends Sentinels of Freedom's dedication and commitment to the brave men and women who have served the United States; and

(3) praises Sentinels of Freedom for its extraordinary work for the well-being of our Nation's veterans.