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equal status for brigade, Patsy's aim

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Rep. Patsy T. Mink, D-Hawaii, has introduced legislation that would permit National Guardsmen and Reservists who have served six months active duty in Vietnam to count their training time toward educational benefits.

They are now unable to count the period of training prior to activation of their unit as part of the 18 months of active duty required to qualify for a full 36 months of G.I. educational benefits.

Members of the regular armed forces, however, may count all active duty—including basic training—toward these benefits.

"The 29th Infantry Brigade, and Reservists throughout the country," Mrs. Mink said, "have had to leave families and jobs on short notice. Many have been injured or have died.

"I believe that they should receive the same benefits for their services as do all other military personnel," she said.