WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), the ranking female member on the House Armed Services Committee, today issued the following statement regarding House passage of House Resolution 1740, recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 374rd anniversary:

“I am proud to join my colleagues in honoring the 374th anniversary of the National Guard. As the oldest component of the Armed Forces, the National Guard has played an instrumental role in the defense of our country. Today, tens of thousands of Guardmembers are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other locations throughout the world. Without their sense of duty and love of country, we would not enjoy the many freedoms America has to offer. This resolution will help ensure that we remember to honor the National Guard’s many contributions today and every day.”