

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 60

By: Pruitt of the Senate

and

Adkins of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the accomplishments of the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion; commending the 486th; proclaiming June 4, 2000, as "486th Civil Affairs Battalion Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the mission of the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion of the United States Army Reserve, located in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, is to serve as a liaison between the United States military and civilian authorities in foreign countries in areas of military operations. Civil Affairs soldiers serve as the link between field commanders and civil authorities in an area of military operations. With specialties in every area of government, Civil Affairs soldiers may assist a host nation in meeting its citizens' needs, as well as maintaining a stable and viable civil administration; and

WHEREAS, the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, has sent Oklahoma's sons and daughters to some of the world's most significant regions of crisis, not only as soldiers, but also as ambassadors of the Sooner State. These men and women in uniform have stood in the face of arms but extended a kind helping hand when needed; and

WHEREAS, since 1996, the 486th has deployed over 75 soldiers to Bosnia and Croatia as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's multi-national peace keeping force in this war-

ravaged region. In the Balkans, the Civil Affairs unit worked with local authorities on projects such as rebuilding the water and electrical systems. Civil Affairs soldiers use their civilian skills for military missions. In a Civil Affairs unit, such civilian professions as physicians, educators, dentists, veterinarians, engineers and lawyers are utilized; and

WHEREAS, the 486th sent 15 soldiers to Honduras in support of the humanitarian relief operations following the devastation wracked by Hurricane Mitch; and

WHEREAS, the 486th assisted the United States Drug Enforcement Administration by providing security in transporting a vast amount of controlled substance to a federal safe storage facility. This effort represented the finest in the United States military's cooperative effort with civilian law enforcement to fight the war on drugs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the accomplishments of the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion, United States Army Reserve, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion as representing the best of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature proclaims June 4, 2000, as "486th Civil Affairs Battalion Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Lieutenant Colonel Jay D. Wells, Commander, 486th Civil Affairs Battalion, United States Army Reserve, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

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