

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1016

By: Smith (Hopper)

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A Resolution acknowledging the efforts and expressing gratitude for the American and allied forces in the war with Iraq; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the major combat operations conducted by the allied forces in the Battle of Iraq have come to a successful conclusion, in which the people of Iraq now have the opportunity to freely govern themselves; and

WHEREAS, more than 225,000 men and women of the United States Armed Forces were involved in conflict against the Iraqi regime; and

WHEREAS, over 200,000 members of the Reserves and National Guard were also called to active duty for the conflict against the Iraqi regime and for purposes of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the people of Oklahoma have the greatest pride in the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, and the civilian personnel supporting them, and strongly support them in their efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives:

1. Commends and supports the efforts and leadership of the President, as Commander in Chief, in the successful conflict against the Iraqi regime;

2. Commends the leadership of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and General Tommy Franks for their superb battle plan of precision, speed, and boldness;

3. Commends and expresses the gratitude of this state to all members of the United States Armed Forces, whether on active duty, the National Guard, or Reserves, along with the civilian employees who support their efforts, as well as, the men and women of civilian national security agencies who participated in the military operations in the Persian Gulf region, for their professional excellence, dedicated patriotism, and exemplary bravery;

4. Commends and expresses the support of this state to the men and women at Tinker Air Force Base, Altus Air Force Base, Fort Sill, Vance Air Force Base, McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Oklahoma Army National Guard, Oklahoma Air National Guard, Army Reserves, Air Force Reserves, Naval Reserves, and Marine Reserves;

5. Commends and expresses the gratitude of this state to the family members of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and civilians serving in operations against the Iraqi regime who have borne the burden of sacrifice and separation from their loved ones;

6. Expresses its deep condolences to the families of brave Americans who have lost their lives in this noble undertaking against terrorism and the Iraqi regime;

7. Expresses sincere gratitude to British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his government for their courageous and steadfast support;

8. Expresses sincere gratitude to Australian Governor-General Dr. Peter Hollingworth and his government for their courageous and steadfast support;

9. Expresses sincere gratitude to Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and his government for their courageous and steadfast support;

10. Expresses sincere gratitude to other allied nations for their military support, logistical support, and other assistance in the campaign against Saddam Hussein's regime; and

11. Expresses our support for the people of Iraq, as they begin in the process of building their freely elected government.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Governor Brad Henry and to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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