

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1030:

Adair, Hefner, Wells, Wilson
and McCarter

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending Oklahoma military personnel for their service in the War with Iraq; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in the astute words of one of our greatest founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson, "For a people who are free, and who mean to remain so, a well-organized and armed militia is their best security"; and

WHEREAS, the security of this great nation is protected by the many honorable men and women of the Armed Services who serve our country proudly; and

WHEREAS, the protection of this nation from terrorism and military aggression is a duty that is not taken lightly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of this country brave men and women have responded by serving their country in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, many Oklahomans have been called to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated men and women continue to contribute to the defense of our nation and state by protecting our citizens at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the acts of our military personnel who are serving within their respective units as they await deployment or who are currently deployed or who are returning home are in the truest sense great acts of patriotism; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to commend and congratulate all of our armed services personnel, including those Oklahomans, for their dedication and perseverance in serving our great nation and state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT sincere commendation and gratitude is extended to the many Oklahoma military personnel who are serving and protecting our nation's security.

THAT one such Oklahoman, the Honorable LTC Hopper Smith, former member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, demonstrated first-hand tremendous courage and sacrifice by relinquishing his House seat and has continued this steadfast determination by mobilizing for active duty with the 45th Infantry Brigade and dutifully serves by assisting the training of the Afghan Army.

THAT recognition and deep appreciation be bestowed upon those units from Oklahoma serving outside the continental United States which are:

DET 46 OSA

189 RTI

45th INF BDE (Task Force Phoenix)

DET 1, 117 MED CO

120 ENGR BN

105 PA DET

1 BN 279 INF BN

1245 TRANS CO

138 Tactical Fighter Group - Tulsa

137 Airlift Wing - Oklahoma City.

THAT recognition and deep appreciation be bestowed upon those units from Oklahoma currently deployed within the continental United States, which are:

245 ENGR CO

160 FA BN

1120 MAINT CO.

THAT recognition and deep appreciation be bestowed upon those units from Oklahoma that have returned from service, which are:

180th INF BN

CO A & CO B 1st BN 179 INF

1 BN 171 FA

DET 1, CO G 249 AVN

CO D 245 AVN

345 TRANS BN.

THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the Governor of Oklahoma, the Adjutant General of the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma, and to each unit as mentioned herein.

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