

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 41

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution commending Colonel William J. Finley for
9 his humanitarian efforts to aid the families of
10 deployed soldiers and needy children and families in
11 Iraq; thanking him for an opportunity for the
12 Oklahoma State Senate to participate; and directing
13 distribution.

13 WHEREAS, Colonel William J. Finley was commissioned a Second
14 Lieutenant in the Regular Army in Field Artillery in May 1982. From
15 May 1982 through February 2007, he held a variety of artillery
16 positions. His most recent position was Brigade Commander for the
17 2nd Iraqi Army Brigade/3rd Iraqi Army Division in Tal' A Far, Iraq;
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19 WHEREAS, Colonel Finley has a B.S. in History from Muhlenberg
20 College in Pennsylvania and an M.A. in Human Resource Development
21 from Webster University in Missouri. He graduated from the Field
22 Artillery Officer's Basic and Advance Courses, Airborne School,
23 Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, and the Command and General Staff
24 College; and

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Finley's awards and decorations consist of the
2 Bronze Star, the Distinguished Meritorious Service Medal, the
3 Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the United
4 States Army Ranger Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Air
5 Assault Badge, and the Combat Action Badge; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2007, Colonel Finley along with a group of caring
7 Oklahomans in coordination with the Armed Services YMCA in Lawton,
8 Oklahoma helped found "Operation: Blankets are OK!", a charity to
9 provide blankets and other items to the children of deployed Fort
10 Sill soldiers as well as needy children in Iraq; and

11 WHEREAS, his coordinating efforts in Iraq at Fort Sill, where he
12 is currently serving as the Deputy G5 at the Fires Center of
13 Excellence, along with his outreach efforts to Oklahoma communities
14 and organizations including the Oklahoma State Senate has resulted
15 in his team providing much needed supplies to the children of
16 deployed soldiers and needy families in Iraq. His humanitarian
17 efforts have provided aid and comfort in the form of medical
18 clinics, food supplies, and clothing to needy families in Iraq.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
20 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Colonel William J.
22 Finley for his humanitarian efforts to aid the families of deployed
23 soldiers and needy children and families in Iraq.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Colonel William J. Finley
2 for offering an opportunity to the Oklahoma State Senate to
3 participate in assisting the families of deployed troops and aiding
4 needy families in Iraq.

5 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to United States
6 Army Colonel William J. Finley.

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