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5 By: Senator Critcher

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION TO
10 THE SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
11 GUARD.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING SINCERE
15 APPRECIATION TO THE SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN
16 OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.

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19 WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, the Arkansas National Guard has
20 routinely been called to duty in federal service; and

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22 WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, the 5,103 soldiers and airmen called
23 to duty in federal service constitute seventy-four percent (74%) of the
24 Arkansas National Guard, and the number of those called to active duty
25 service constitutes a number greater than the amount called into federal
26 service during World War II; and

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28 WHEREAS, during 2003, the Arkansas National Guard is serving or has
29 served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and seventeen other foreign locations in federal
30 service; and

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32 WHEREAS, during 2003, the Arkansas National Guard is serving or has
33 served in twenty-seven different locations in support of Homeland Defense in
34 federal service; and

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36 WHEREAS, the federal call-up places a financial hardship on the



1 soldiers and airmen and a hardship on their families and employers and places
2 the soldiers and airmen in harm's way for the benefit of others' freedom; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Arkansas National Guard continues to respond to the
5 emergency needs of the State of Arkansas; and

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7 WHEREAS, all soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard stand
8 ready to serve in any capacity; and

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10 WHEREAS, the members of the Arkansas National Guard are richly
11 deserving of a public expression of appreciation and commendation for their
12 service,

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14 NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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18 THAT the Senate, on behalf of the entire State of Arkansas, hereby
19 commends and expresses sincere gratitude to the soldiers and airmen of the
20 Arkansas National Guard.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
23 copy shall be provided to the Adjutant General of the State of Arkansas.