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SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE SOLDIERS, AIRMEN, SAILORS, AND MARINES OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD AND THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE FOR THEIR SERVICE; EXTENDING THE GREATEST APPRECIATION FOR THE SACRIFICES THAT EACH MEMBER HAS MADE TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY; AND EXTENDING ITS MOST SINCERE AND HEARTFELT WELCOME TO EACH MEMBER UPON RETURN HOME TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS SOLDIERS, AIRMEN, SAILORS, AND MARINES OF THE ARKANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE FOR THEIR SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the volunteer citizen-soldiers of the Arkansas National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves have been vital to the defense of the nation since the first shot at Concord to the fighting today in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves account for only a fraction of the defense budget but allow the nation to almost double the size of the Armed Forces, making them an essential part of a total-force concept; and



1 WHEREAS, the National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves are vital to the
2 national security of the United States; and

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4 WHEREAS, more than six thousand (6,000) soldiers, airmen, sailors, and
5 marines of the Arkansas National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves have served
6 with great distinction since September 11, 2001; and

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8 WHEREAS, the members of the National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves
9 have made a long journey from the State of Arkansas to destinations all
10 around the world and back again; and

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12 WHEREAS, while many have returned home and many more continue to return
13 home after making incredible sacrifices to serve their country, we should
14 continue to remember and support those who still serve our nation,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 THAT the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas
21 commends each and every soldier, airman, sailor, and marine of the Arkansas
22 National Guard and the Armed Forces Reserves for his or her service to the
23 country in faraway lands and that the State of Arkansas extends its greatest
24 appreciation for the sacrifices that these men and women have made to serve
25 our country.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly extends its most
28 sincere and heartfelt welcome to each and every soldier, airman, sailor, and
29 marine of the Arkansas National Guard and the Armed Forces Reserves upon his
30 or her return home to the State of Arkansas.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief
33 Clerk of the Senate shall mail a copy of this resolution to the Adjutant
34 General of the Arkansas National Guard for dissemination to each military
35 organization in the State of Arkansas.

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