

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 27

Introduced by Aguilar, 35; Adams, 24; Avery, 28; Friend, 10; Karpisek, 32; Mines, 18; Pahls, 31; Rogert, 16.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska National Guard has played a major role in support of Operation Noble Eagle, the protection of the United States; Operation Enduring Freedom, in Afghanistan; and Operation Iraqi Freedom, in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Army National Guard missions have included security, force protection, transportation, logistic support, quick reaction force, forward area support, rear area support, medical support, aviation maintenance, aviation support, medical evacuation (air and ground), reconnaissance, surveillance, law and order (police investigation), and direct support maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Air National Guard missions have included aerial refueling, maintenance, engineering, supply mobility support, financial management, and security; and

WHEREAS, more than three thousand five hundred members of the Nebraska National Guard have deployed to more than twenty foreign countries during the last five years; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jeffrey J. Hansen, Sergeant Germaine L. Debro, and Sergeant Joshua A. Ford made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for this Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Bronze Star with Valor, awarded for heroic or meritorious achievement or service, has been presented to Staff Sergeant Mark A. Sadd, Sergeant Michael D. Belleci, Specialist Justin T. Clausen, Specialist Benjamin A. Marksmeier, and Private First Class Darin D. Nelson; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart, awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces wounded or killed as a direct result of enemy actions, has been presented to First Lieutenant Matthew S. York, Sergeant First Class Johnny R. Eynetich, Sergeant First Class Douglas V. Manly, Staff Sergeant George B. Goodon, Staff Sergeant Joel J. Hesterman, Staff Sergeant Lauren J. McConnell, Sergeant Shawn M. Humphrey, Sergeant Robert S. Hutt, Sergeant Donne E. McKimney, Sergeant David T. Murphy, Sergeant Sion T. Odom, Sergeant Lucas J. Smith, Specialist Jeremy S. Borrell, Specialist Benjamin A. Marksmeier, Specialist Jordan D. Rahe, Specialist Anthony D. Revas, Specialist Bradley C. Utterback, and Private First Class Timothy D. Verbeek; and

WHEREAS, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, awarded for heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service, has been presented to Captain Jeffrey C. Searcey, First Lieutenant Matthew C. Misfeldt, First Lieutenant Jacques S. Smith III, Staff Sergeant George B. Gooden, Staff Sergeant Joel J. Hestermann, Staff Sergeant Lauren J. McConnell, Staff Sergeant Mark A. Sadd, Sergeant Joseph J. Dunlap, Sergeant Christopher J. Marcello, Sergeant Sion T. Odom, Specialist Adam L. Dack, Specialist David L. Munoz, Specialist Anthony D. Revas, and Private First Class Tyler T. Schik.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE

HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature extends its thanks to these soldiers and honors them for their sacrifice and service to the State of Nebraska and the United States of America.

2. That a copy of this resolution be given to each of these soldiers or their families.