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H. RES. 729

Commending the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion of the Texas Army National Guard for their service to the State of Texas and the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON (for himself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Commending the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion of the Texas Army National Guard for their service to the State of Texas and the United States.

Whereas, on July 17, 2006, the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion based at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas was deployed to Iraq;

Whereas the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion went to Iraq to provide support with their AH-64A Apache, the most sophisticated attack helicopter the Army has to offer;

Whereas, upon the time of their deployment, the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion had 71 pilots and sev-

eral crew chiefs, mechanics, avionics experts and gunners all who occupy many different positions as civilians;

Whereas, during 11 months of combat, the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion averaged a Mission Capable rate of 83 percent and has met or exceeded Department of Army Fully Mission Capable standards each month, logging 17,138 combat hours; and had to repair 16 battle damaged aircraft;

Whereas, on June 30, 2007, the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, upon receiving notice that Coalition Forces were taking heavy small arms fire in Ramadi, flew to the fight, evacuated a critically-wounded soldier and killed several extremists while taking small arms fire and multiple enemy rounds to their aircraft;

Whereas the families of the members of the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion have anxiously awaited the return of loved ones and endured many hardships during this lengthy deployment;

Whereas the employers of members and family members of the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion have done their patriotic duty, by keeping jobs open for the returning soldiers and supporting the families during this deployment;

Whereas the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion has performed admirably and courageously, putting service to country over personal interests and gaining the gratitude and respect of all Texans and our Nation; and

Whereas, in July of 2007, the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion returned from Iraq to Houston having served nobly in their mission: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) commends 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance
2 Battalion of the Texas Army National Guard on the
3 completion of its important mission;

4 (2) recognizes the achievements of the members
5 of the 1st-149th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion
6 and their families in their exemplary service to the
7 United States; and

8 (3) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
9 atives to transmit a copy of this resolution to the
10 Texas National Guard for appropriate display.

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