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H. RES. 1110

Commending the members of the 45th Agri-Business Development Team of the Oklahoma National Guard, for their efforts to modernize agriculture and sustainable farming practices in Afghanistan and their dedication and service to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2010

Ms. FALLIN (for herself, Mr. BOREN, Mr. COLE, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Commending the members of the 45th Agri-Business Development Team of the Oklahoma National Guard, for their efforts to modernize agriculture and sustainable farming practices in Afghanistan and their dedication and service to the United States.

Whereas members of the 1–45th Agri-Business Development Team (ADT) took control of the ADT mission in the Paktya and Paktika provinces of eastern Afghanistan from the 1–16th ADT from the Tennessee National Guard on December 21, 2009, and members of the 2–45th ADT are planned to take over their mission in the summer of 2010;

Whereas the members of the Oklahoma National Guard's ADT are experts in civilian agriculture practices and will provide important resources to the Afghan population in fostering sustainable agriculture practices, improving food production and processing, providing secure storage facilities and controlled temperature facilities, and ensuring secure and legal economic growth;

Whereas the International Agricultural Program at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, has provided valuable training for the 45th ADT pre-deployment and has provided a valuable educational research tool for Guardsmen and women deployed to Afghanistan;

Whereas agriculture accounts for 45 percent of Afghanistan's gross domestic product and over 80 percent of the Afghan population is engaged in farming and agriculture;

Whereas the 45th ADT works closely with the Provincial Director of Agriculture in Afghanistan to ensure Afghan farmers and ranchers are receiving valuable assistance in rebuilding and restoring the Afghan agricultural economy; and

Whereas ADTs partner with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide interagency support to Afghan farmers and are critical to the overall success to the Afghan mission: Now, therefore, be it

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