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Expressing support of Alaska Army National Guard soldiers deployed worldwide.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS Alaska has more than 250 Alaska Army National Guard soldiers on active duty, and approximately 170 of those soldiers are currently deployed overseas, many of them involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS 67 Aviation Battalion soldiers recently returned from nearly a year in Kosovo; and

WHEREAS additional deployments of soldiers to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom are planned; and

WHEREAS approximately 80 National Guard soldiers are on duty in Alaska working with the National Missile Defense security mission at Fort Greely, and another 36 soldiers have just completed two years of duty securing Kulis Air National Guard Base; and

WHEREAS active duty for these National Guard soldiers involves spending a great deal of time away from their homes and families; for example, Alaska Army National Guard soldiers involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom generally spend an entire year overseas, with an additional six months of mobilization, training, and

demobilization time; and

WHEREAS each of these National Guard soldiers has a civilian life, a family, and a role in the community as well, and service overseas requires considerable personal sacrifice as well as support from families, friends, employers, and the community; and

WHEREAS National Guard soldiers are employed in all sectors of Alaska's economy; as civilians, they are mechanics, truck drivers, cooks, business managers, small business owners, pilots, fishermen, accountants, police officers, fire fighters, mill workers, salespeople, and public employees; and

WHEREAS National Guard soldiers live in all areas of the state, from Metlakatla to Barrow, from Kotzebue to Togiak, and in Kodiak, Kenai, and Kake;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the bravery, dedication, and willingness to serve of each individual in the Alaska Army National Guard, particularly those who have been, are, or will soon be deployed overseas; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes and appreciates the personal sacrifices made by these soldiers in order to serve, as well as those of their families, employers, and communities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the families and friends of these soldiers and recognizes their unwavering support; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its heartfelt support of these soldiers as they carry out their missions, and wishes each of them success in these important endeavors and a safe return home.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Major General Craig E. Campbell, Adjutant General, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and Commander of the Alaska Army National Guard; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau, United States Department of Defense; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.