
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE EFFORTS AND BRAVERY OF THE SOLDIERS OF THE HAWAII ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND THE HAWAII ARMY RESERVE AND THE AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN OF THE HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD ON THEIR RECENT DEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

1 WHEREAS, the richness and vitality of our state are due in
2 part to the invaluable personal contributions and meritorious
3 acts of individuals who are committed to enhancing the well-
4 being of our nation by going beyond what is expected of them to
5 assist others in times of need; and

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7 WHEREAS, United States and coalition forces have been
8 conducting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring
9 Freedom missions in Iraq and Afghanistan since October 7, 2001,
10 against Taliban and Al Qaeda forces, in retaliation for the
11 September 11th terrorist attacks and to prevent further terrorist
12 attacks around the world; and

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14 WHEREAS, troops from all over the nation have faced
15 deployment to join those currently on tours of duty in what the
16 United States Department of Defense has described as the largest
17 series of troop rotations since World War II; and

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19 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1893, the mission of the
20 Hawaii Army National Guard component of the Hawaii National
21 Guard has been to serve as an integral part of the Army by
22 providing fully-manned, operationally-ready, and well-equipped
23 units that can respond to any national contingency of war,
24 peaceful missions, or national building operations, and to
25 provide highly-effective, professional, and organized forces
26 able to respond to natural and manmade disasters, manmade
27 crisis, and the unique needs of the State of Hawaii and its
28 communities; and



1 WHEREAS, also serving a vital role in the defense of our
2 country is the Hawaii Air National Guard component of the Hawaii
3 National Guard, which provides organized, trained units to
4 protect Hawaii's citizens and property, preserving peace,
5 ensuring public safety in response to natural or manmade
6 disasters, and providing operationally-ready combat units,
7 combat support units, and qualified personnel for active duty in
8 the United States Air Force in time of war, national emergency,
9 or operational contingency; and

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11 WHEREAS, because of its unique dual duties which includes
12 both federal and state the Hawaii National Guard, under the
13 command of Major General Robert G.F. Lee, is not only part of
14 the nation's entire military force during times of national
15 crisis but also responsible to the respective states during
16 times of state or community emergencies--it has upheld its proud
17 heritage of strength and diversity; and

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19 WHEREAS, under the command of Colonel Bruce E. Oliveira,
20 the 29TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM composed of the brigade
21 headquarters, along with the 1st Squadron 299th Cavalry Regiment
22 and the 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry Regiment, conducted convoy
23 security within the Iraq Theater of Operations and Kuwait
24 Theater of Operations (KTO) in support of (ISO) 1st Sustainment
25 Command (Theater) TSC theater, enabling unimpeded and
26 synchronized sustainment for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 08-
27 10, and the 1st Battalion 487th Field Artillery Regiment, 29th
28 Brigade Support Battalion, and the 29th Brigade Special Troops
29 Battalion conducted Base Support operations, Camp Command and
30 Security Forces at Camp Patriot, Camp Virginia, and the Life
31 Support Area (LSA) ISO Area Support Group-Kuwait; and

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33 WHEREAS, during this recent deployment, the 29TH INFANTRY
34 BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM was ordered into active federal service with
35 duty assignment in Kuwait in direct support of Operation Iraqi
36 Freedom VIII from August 19, 2008, to August 12, 2009; and

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38 WHEREAS, mobilized August 19, 2008, the 29TH INFANTRY
39 BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM arrived at Fort Hood as the best-prepared
40 brigade in the MOB-STATION's history, completed post-
41 mobilization training in a record 58 days, deployed to Kuwait



1 one month early, and on December 12, 2008, formally assumed its
2 mission as the Lava Brigade; and

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4 WHEREAS, the 29TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM participated
5 in contingency planning for ARCENT/CENTCOM which resulted in
6 feasible options for the SECDEF in response to the Israeli
7 offensive into Gaza, prepared to provide border control training
8 teams to Egypt and the United Nations, participated in
9 continuous Kuwait Crisis Response planning with ARCENT
10 Operational Planning Team (OPT), passed the 311 ESC Operational
11 Inspection Program with commendable ratings in all areas,
12 fielded MARP MAXPROs enhanced Soldier protection, participated
13 in Kuwait Security Force planning with ARCENT OPT for future OIF
14 rotations, participated in ARCENT EX FRIENDSHIP ONE with the
15 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Convoy Escort and Observer
16 Controllers), provided Subject Matter Experts for Urban
17 Operations Seminar in Oman, participated in ARCENT's premier
18 Command Post Exercise LUCKY WARRIOR 09, as a Stryker Brigade
19 Combat Team, and participated in a Sniper Subject Matter Experts
20 Exchange with Bahrain; and

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22 WHEREAS, the 29TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM executed
23 2,596 Convoy Security Missions with over 1,657,000 miles
24 traveled in Iraq, safely secured all deploying/redeploying, R&R,
25 and other transiting personnel through Kuwait and conducted over
26 70 training events with the host nation and Kuwaiti National
27 Guard, and 30 Good Neighbor/Host Nation Events with Kuwaitis;
28 and

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30 WHEREAS, the 29TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM provided Camp
31 Command and Control of all permanent and transient tenants, with
32 efficient life support and MWR functions, enabling efficient and
33 Safe Base Operations, and enhancing quality of life, and the
34 Camp Commands greatly improved its force protection and base
35 defense readiness, ensuring safety and security of all camp
36 tenants; and

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38 WHEREAS, as a key element in the Army multi-component unit
39 force of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 100TH
40 BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT of the United States Army
41 Reserve, provided trained and ready soldiers and units with the



1 critical combat service support and combat support capabilities
2 necessary to support national strategy during peacetime,
3 contingencies, and war; and
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5 WHEREAS, distinguished as one of the Army Reserve's most
6 unique and famed units, the 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY
7 REGIMENT, under the command of LTC Michael Peeters and CSM Glenn
8 Gomes, was ordered into active federal service on November 3,
9 2008 and mobilized for deployment to Kuwait in direct support of
10 Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 18, 2008 to August 18,
11 2009, and consisted of Headquarters and Headquarters Company
12 (HHC), B Company, C Company, D Company, and E Company stationed
13 at Camp Virginia, Kuwait while a BN TAC was established at Camp
14 CEDAR II, Iraq on December 9, 2008, and the Theater Gateway
15 Team, comprised primarily of elements of E Company, established
16 its headquarters at LSA (Ali Al Salem Air Base) with team
17 members based out of Camp Virginia, LSA, and the Kuwait Naval
18 Base; and
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20 WHEREAS, 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT
21 accomplished all of its assigned missions and met strategic
22 objectives that ensured an uninterrupted flow of personnel,
23 supplies, and equipment throughout the Kuwait and Iraq Theaters
24 of Operation, and conducted over 1,700 combat missions spanning
25 a distance of over 1.2 million miles; and

26 WHEREAS, 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT HHC,
27 commanded by CPT Matthew A. Kennedy and 1SG William C. Jennings,
28 was headquartered at Camp Virginia and consisted of the
29 battalion staff, Maintenance Platoon, Medical Platoon, and
30 Communications Platoon, and in addition to daily operations, HHC
31 conducted the SOMO-Bucca run, a daily combat escort mission
32 comprising one that secured the convoy movement of cargo trucks
33 from Kuwait to the Iraqi border at Khabari Crossing, and
34 conducted over 200 missions without incident, ensuring millions
35 of pounds of cargo and fuel were successfully transported to
36 Iraq in support of OIF operations; and
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38 WHEREAS, the 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT
39 Maintenance Platoon continuously maintained, serviced and
40 repaired up to 145 combat vehicles throughout the deployment—



1 never falling below 95 percent in mission-capable vehicles—and
2 oversaw the transition from Armored Security Vehicles (ASVs) to
3 M1114 HMMVVs as well as the fielding of 31 Mine Resistant Ambush
4 Protected (MRAP) vehicles during the deployment; and

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6 WHEREAS, the 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT Medical
7 Platoon provided medics in direct support of all Common User
8 Land Transportation (CULT) missions conducted by the 1st TSC
9 throughout the Iraq Theater of Operations, operated a battalion
10 aid station, and contributed provider support to the Camp
11 Virginia Troop Medical Clinic; and

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13 WHEREAS, the 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT
14 Communications Platoon sustained 24-hour operations throughout
15 the deployment, conducting daily checks and services of CET
16 tactical radios and Electronic Warfare Countermeasure equipment,
17 as well as maintaining the communications and information
18 technology systems of the Tactical Operations Center, Admin/Log
19 Operations Center, and Company Command Posts; and

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21 WHEREAS, 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT Bravo
22 Company, commanded by MAJ John Adams and 1SG Logotala
23 Letuligasenoa, was primarily responsible for escorting daily
24 sustainment convoys from Camp Virginia, Kuwait to Camp Cedar II,
25 and conducting "Rifle Overwatch"—the Battalion's exclusive and
26 vital security mission outside of Camp Cedar II which protected
27 convoys from criminal and insurgent activity along Route Flamina
28 and Cedar Road, and performed CULT missions when required,
29 conducted Area Quick Reaction Force (QRF) operations in the
30 Northern Kuwait and Southern Iraq areas of responsibility, and
31 participated in Camp Virginia force protection activities; and

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33 WHEREAS, 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT Charlie
34 Company, commanded by MAJ Ralph Robinson and 1SG Ulua Letuli
35 was primarily responsible for escorting daily sustainment
36 convoys from Camp Virginia, Kuwait to Camp Cedar II and
37 protecting convoy activity on Rifle Overwatch at Camp Cedar II,
38 and performed CULT missions when required, conducted Area Quick
39 Reaction Force (QRF) operations in the Northern Kuwait and
40 Southern Iraq areas of responsibility, and participated in Camp
41 Virginia force protection activities; and



1 WHEREAS, 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT Delta
2 Company, commanded by CPT Haz Anguay and 1SG Beau Tatsumura was
3 primarily responsible for escorting daily sustainment convoys
4 from Camp Virginia, Kuwait to Camp Cedar II and protecting
5 convoy activity on Rifle Overwatch at Camp Cedar II, and
6 performed CULT missions when required, conducted Area Quick
7 Reaction Force (QRF) operations in the Northern Kuwait and
8 Southern Iraq areas of responsibility, and participated in Camp
9 Virginia force protection activities; and

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11 WHEREAS, 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT Echo
12 Company, commanded by CPT Andre Bennett and 1SG Paul Caswell,
13 performed multiple missions, including Gateway Mission, which
14 provided armed escort security and uninterrupted transport of
15 military and civilian personnel throughout the Kuwaiti Area of
16 Operation; escorting daily sustainment convoys from Camp
17 Virginia, Kuwait to Camp Cedar II; and protecting convoy
18 activity on Rifle Overwatch at Camp Cedar II, and performed CULT
19 missions when required, conducted Area Quick Reaction Force
20 (QRF) operations in the Northern Kuwait and Southern Iraq areas
21 of responsibility, and participated in Camp Virginia force
22 protection activities; and

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24 WHEREAS, during this recent deployment, the 1ST SQUADRON
25 299TH CAVALRY REGIMENT (Task Force KOA), was ordered into active
26 federal service with duty assignment in Kuwait and Iraq in
27 direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom VIII from August 19,
28 2008 to August 9, 2009, and was comprised of soldiers from eight
29 different units within the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
30 (IBCT), residing on four different islands within the state of
31 Hawaii, and nineteen Soldiers from the Guam Army National Guard,
32 that included Troop A (AKA: Convoy Security Company (CSC) 1),
33 Troop B (AKA: CSC 2), Company A 29th Brigade Special Troop
34 Battalion (BSTB) (AKA: CSC 3), Battery A 1-487th Field Artillery
35 (AKA: CSC 4), and Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT);
36 and

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38 WHEREAS, based out of Camp Buehring Kuwait, 1ST SQUADRON
39 299TH CAVALRY REGIMENT Task Force KOA provided Command and
40 Control for the Squadron's 37 CETs as they executed gun-truck



1 support to Combat Logistics Patrols throughout the Iraqi Theater
2 of Operations; and

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4 WHEREAS, through the dedication and personal courage of 1ST
5 SQUADRON 299TH CAVALRY REGIMENT Alpha Troop, over 100 combat
6 logistical patrols were conducted throughout the Coalition
7 Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) area of responsibility
8 providing security for both 311th and 1st Theater Support
9 Commands to ensure that personnel and mission essential
10 equipment successfully arrived at its destination, and
11 delivering to every major forward operating base throughout
12 Iraq, ranging from Camp Cedar to Marez, to FOB Warrior to
13 Taqqaduum, gaining this Troop laudable praise and recognition
14 from the 4th Sustainment Brigade and its subordinate
15 transportation battalions for its outstanding performance while
16 conducting tactical operations, and since Alpha Troop's arrival
17 into theater, CETs have encountered 6 escalation of force
18 incidents, 3 improvised explosive attacks (2 being complex
19 attacks), and 2 small arms fire attacks; and

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21 WHEREAS, 1ST SQUADRON 299TH CAVALRY REGIMENT Bravo Troop
22 conducted 96 convoy security missions throughout the Iraq Area
23 of Operation, with the Troop's nine convoy escort teams
24 traveling over 150,000 miles to all the major Forward Operating
25 Bases in cities throughout Iraq to include Mosul, Tikrit, Balad,
26 Baghdad, and Taqqaduum, with each of these logistics convoys
27 delivering mission essential equipment and combat vehicles of
28 units both arriving and leaving their area of operation, and as
29 of May 2009, the Troop sustained three EOF incidents, four IED
30 attacks, and five small arms fire attacks without a negligent
31 safety incident occurring or incurring a casualty to either
32 Iraqi or Coalition personnel; and

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34 WHEREAS, 1ST SQUADRON 299TH CAVALRY REGIMENT Company A
35 conducted over 138 convoy security missions, logged over 130,000
36 miles, and supported 7 different transportation units that
37 served as a lifeline to provide essential equipment and supplies
38 to coalition forces and each consisting of 40 logistics trucks
39 that stretched for over two miles, the CETs escorting the
40 convoys hundreds of miles across Iraq to Mosul in the north, Al
41 Asad in the west, and Caldwell in the east, the CET's



1 distinguishing themselves when faced with adversity by
2 successfully reacting to hijacking attempts, small arms fire,
3 Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonations, and other enemy
4 actions in the Iraq theater of operations, resulting in no
5 significant casualties or loss of assets and all missions
6 successfully reached their destinations, and their
7 accomplishments enabled the resupply of U.S. forces to combat
8 insurgents; and
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10 WHEREAS, 1ST SQUADRON 299TH CAVALRY REGIMENT Alpha Battery 1-
11 487th FA conducted over 138 convoy security missions, logging
12 over 130,000 miles, supporting 7 different transportation units
13 to positively ensure the security and mission accomplishment of
14 over 1,242 military truck crews and over 5,520 third country
15 nationals, with 100% accountability of their rolling stock and
16 multi-class cargo; and
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18 WHEREAS, 1ST SQUADRON 299TH CAVALRY REGIMENT HHT provided
19 command and control and operational support to the unit's CET,
20 day and night TOC operations provided a crucial link between the
21 CETs on the road, the squadron, and higher headquarters often
22 facilitating critical operations to include deliberate recovery,
23 medical evacuation, and the dispatch of the Quick Reaction
24 Force, and the S-2 section provided over 500 Convoy Security
25 Briefs to out-going CETs while also producing a daily
26 intelligence summary that was used by units throughout the
27 theater, while mechanics worked tirelessly to maintain the
28 Squadron's 175 combat vehicles completing 3,300 maintenance
29 requests, hanging over 45,000 parts, and working well in excess
30 of 20,000 man hours, and in addition to these achievements, the
31 HHT maintenance team oversaw the creation of a squadron motor
32 pool at Camp Buehring including setting up two LAMs and their
33 required operational assets that will be used by follow-on units
34 for years to come, and HHT medics were assigned to provide
35 medical support to each CET mission going north into Iraq
36 completing over 500 missions. The medics proved to be valuable
37 assets and combat multipliers to the units they supported and on
38 multiple occasions the medics assisted local nationals involved
39 in vehicular accidents treating multiple casualties and saving
40 at least two lives; and



1 WHEREAS, the 1ST BATTALION 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
2 Task Force HIKI NO, comprised of soldiers from numerous units
3 within the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, (IBCT) performed
4 several missions and accomplished numerous strategic objectives,
5 ensuring the uninterrupted flow of equipment and supplies in
6 support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi
7 Freedom, by securing both ports in Kuwait and having the only
8 ground forces available to respond to any incident in southern
9 Kuwait with the Headquarters split into two elements, one
10 focusing on the command and control of life support for Camp
11 Patriot and the other on command and control Security Forces in
12 Southern Kuwait; and

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14 WHEREAS, the 1ST BATTALION 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
15 performed several missions, including Headquarters and
16 Headquarters Battery (HHB) Camp Patriot Command Cell duties for
17 Camp Patriot, Command and Control of Security Forces (SECFOR)
18 for Southern Kuwait, Host Nations Training with Kuwait National
19 Guard and Good Neighbor events with community organizations in
20 Kuwait; Bravo Battery performed SECFOR responsibilities at Camp
21 Patriot; Alpha Company, BSB, performed SECFOR responsibilities
22 for the Sea Port of Debarkation (SPOD); Alpha Battery performed
23 convoy security missions throughout the Iraq Area of Operation;
24 and MP Platoon from HHC, BSTB, performed Area Reactionary Force
25 (ARF) for Southern Kuwait and supported HHB's Host Nation
26 events; and

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28 WHEREAS, the 1ST BATTALION 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT at
29 Camp Patriot's Command Cell improved the quality of life for
30 both transient and permanent party Sailors, Marines, Soldiers,
31 Coalition Forces, and Contractors that lived and worked at Camp
32 Patriot, including responding and performing missions that
33 including Camp Command Cell operations, logistical and
34 sustainment operations, MWR support, communications and network
35 support, Contracting Officer Representative (COR) operations,
36 and Unit Ministry support; and

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38 WHEREAS, significant contributions by the 1ST BATTALION 487TH
39 FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT included improvement in fire and
40 safety, being the first Camp to rectify all Task Force Safe
41 findings, executing a Camp Luau in support of Asian Pacific



1 Island month which was recognized as the best social event
2 conducted by camp tenants in the history of US forces presence
3 in Kuwait, efficient management of Camp Command Cell of 15 base
4 contracts, processing over 4,000 work orders, holding 144 MWR
5 events (15,609 participants), managing all of Camp Patriot's
6 support and services with annual budget and expenditures of \$30
7 million dollars, and completing more than 60 projects; and
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9 WHEREAS, the 1ST BATTALION 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
10 developed an outstanding relationship with Kuwait Navy personnel
11 who included the Kuwait Naval Base (KNB) Services Commander and
12 KNB Security Officer, which helped facilitate the approval of
13 many projects and also helped to foster excellent perceptions of
14 the United States by the Kuwait Navy personnel; and
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16 WHEREAS, the 1ST BATTALION 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
17 command and control SECFOR South made numerous contributions
18 during this deployment that included a phenomenal improvement
19 with force protection posture which was been stalled for several
20 years, developed the Force Protection Working Group for Kuwait
21 Naval Base & SPOD, implemented critical standoff distances and
22 screening standards to meet regulatory guidelines, conducted
23 over 70 training events with the Kuwait National Guard that
24 culminated in a combined exercise of side-by-side US and Kuwait
25 Forces for the first time in a CPX, and reached out into the
26 community and built goodwill capital by initiating 30 visits to
27 various social and charitable organizations as well as public
28 safety facilities and businesses, including the Kuwait Disabled
29 Club, Kuwait Elderly Care Administration, and Kuwait Kids
30 Hospital; and
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32 WHEREAS, 1ST BATTALION 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT Alpha
33 Company, BSB, provided 24-hour Force Protection to all US and
34 Coalition Forces and equipment moving to and from the country
35 from the SPOD, implemented two critical Joint Operational
36 functions, provided unimpeded and secured over 25 High Value
37 Asset vessels which uploaded and downloaded over 26,000 pieces
38 of US equipment, conducted over 20,000 TCN and 80,000 vehicle
39 inspections at the port, and conducted over 20 Base Defense
40 Liaison Team (BDLT) exercises to test and validate vehicle
41 search operations at the ECPs, with a 95 percent detection rate



1 and exceeding expectations with the development of a close Host
2 Nation relationship with the Kuwait Military of the Interior
3 (KMOI), which proved extremely valuable on several occasions as
4 challenges arose at the SPOD; and

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6 WHEREAS, 1ST BATTALION 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT Bravo
7 Battery provided 24-hour Force Protection to all US and
8 Coalition Forces residing at Camp Patriot, executed five Theatre
9 Ammunition Download and Retrograde Operations providing watch
10 and security for over 95 percent of ammunition supply for OIF &
11 OEF theaters of operation, initiated a training relationship
12 with the Kuwait Navy to improve Host Nation relationship and
13 Force Protection posture of the base, conducted over 30,000 TCN
14 and 75,000 vehicle inspections at the port, conducted over 23
15 Base Defense Liaison Team (BDLT) exercises to test and validate
16 vehicle search operations at the ECPs, and achieved a 93 percent
17 IED detection rate; and

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19 WHEREAS, 1ST BATTALION 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT MP
20 Platoon, BSTB, conducted over 225 non-tactical vehicles (NTV)
21 and 29 HMMWV route reconnaissance missions covering over 45,290
22 kilometers and resulting in no accident or injuries, executed
23 five Theatre Ammunition Download and Retrograde Operations
24 providing watch and security of over 95 percent of ammunition
25 supply for OIF & OEF theaters of operation, led ARF elements in
26 providing 13 Personnel Security Detachment (PSD) for VIPs,
27 including 3-star Generals and the Secretary of Homeland
28 Security, and large events in Kuwait City hosting over 650 US
29 SM, supported and assisted training the Kuwait National Guard's
30 Counter-terrorism SWAT team, and conducted joint operations with
31 members of USMC, USN, USCG, and the Secret Service; and

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33 WHEREAS, through the dedication and personal courage of the
34 Soldiers assigned to 1ST BATTALION 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
35 Alpha Battery, over 138 convoy security missions logging over
36 130,000 miles throughout the Coalition Forces Land Component
37 Command (CFLCC) area of responsibility were conducted, providing
38 security for both 311th and 1st Theater Support Commands,
39 ensuring that essential equipment successfully arrived at its
40 destination with patrols delivering to every major forward
41 operating base throughout Iraq, and positively ensuring the



1 security and mission accomplishment of over 1,242 military truck
2 crews and over 5,520 third country nationals with 100 percent
3 accountability for their rolling stock and multi-class cargo;
4 and

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6 WHEREAS, 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION was deployed
7 from October 2008 to August 2009 at Camp Virginia, Kuwaiti Naval
8 Base and Camp Buehring, Kuwait, in support of OIF VIII; and

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10 WHEREAS, formed on September 1, 2006, as part of the Army's
11 transition to Modularity, the 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS
12 BATTALION 29th BSTB was formed out of three separate companies of
13 the 29th BCT, the former 227 Engineers became Co A (EN) 29th BSTB;
14 the former 229 MICO became CO B (EN) 29th BSTB; soldiers from the
15 HHC 29th BCT Communications Section were assigned to Company C
16 (SI) 29th BSTB; and the Maintenance, Military Police, and
17 Chemical Recce functions were assigned to HHC 29th BSTB; and

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19 WHEREAS, the mission of the 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS
20 BATTALION is to execute the intelligence,
21 mobility/countermobility/survivability, and command and control
22 functions, to enable 29th IBCT full spectrum operations allowing
23 the 29th IBCT Commander the ability to fight the brigade's close
24 and deep fight while the 29th BSTB handles all the
25 administrative, logistical, and combat support functions
26 necessary for the Brigade to accomplish its mission; and

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28 WHEREAS, 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION HHC and
29 Charlie company gave an exemplary performance of Camp Mayoral
30 Cell duties, as did MP platoon as a Area Reactionary Force for
31 southern Kuwait, and Alpha company as a Convoy Security company
32 with the 1-299 Cavalry; and

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34 WHEREAS, 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION executed a
35 vital combat support role by ensuring that Service Members were
36 properly received, staged, and prepared for redeployment to
37 CONUS or onward movement for combat into Iraq or Afghanistan,
38 and their efforts directly led to the successful transition and
39 movement of over 250,000 SMs from all services and components,
40 into and out of the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters; and



1 WHEREAS, 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION's command and
2 control of Camp Virginia improved the quality of life for both
3 transient and permanent party Sailors, Marines, Soldiers,
4 Coalition Forces, and Contractors that lived and worked at Camp
5 Virginia, to facilitate sustainment, security,
6 deployment/redeployment activities, and various combat and
7 combat support operations by United States and Coalition Forces
8 within the MNC-I AOR; and
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10 WHEREAS, 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION HHC was
11 responsible for providing overall Command and Control of Camp
12 Virginia such as responding to and performing missions that
13 included Camp Command Cell operations, EOC operations,
14 logistical and sustainment operations, MWR support,
15 communications and network support, Contracting Officer
16 Representative (COR) operations, Unit Ministry support, Area
17 Reaction Force/Quick Reaction Force (QRF), and security/force
18 protection operations, and for supporting RSOI for mobilizing US
19 Marines and Sailors and retrograding activities for almost every
20 SM that exited the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters; and
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22 WHEREAS, 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION also provided
23 communications and network support to the Camp Command, Post
24 Office, Library, and MWR facilities on camp with the Command
25 Cell serving as the COR for all MWR facilities that include a
26 main gym, coalition forces (CF) gym, library, internet café,
27 recreation room, and CF MWR facility, tabulating over 540,000 in
28 total "uses" by SM, and provided the oversight, liaison, and
29 facilities coordination to 27 food and merchandise vendors,
30 various concession operations, and an AAFES P, and the C2 Cell
31 orchestrated the "Sand Jam," which was the largest MWR event in
32 the theater, totaling over 2,500 participants throughout Kuwait;
33 and
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35 WHEREAS, 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION Company A
36 conducted over 138 combat convoy security missions that served
37 as a lifeline to provide essential equipment and supplies to
38 coalition forces, with each convoy consisting of 40 logistics
39 trucks that stretched for over two miles, logged over 145,000
40 miles, and supported seven different transportation units and
41 were able to accomplish this with no incidents or accidents and



1 the Convoy Escort Teams (CETs) escorted the convoys thousands of
2 miles across Iraq to Mosul in the north, Al Asad in the west,
3 and Caldwell in the east, and enabled the resupply of US forces
4 to combat insurgents; and

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6 WHEREAS, 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION Military
7 Police (MP) Platoon HHC's mission was to conduct Area Reaction
8 Force (ARF) within the southern half of Kuwait and enhanced the
9 FP and security posture of US and CF forces in Kuwait
10 additionally, the MPs conducted joint training exercises with
11 the Kuwaiti National Guard, enhancing US-Kuwaiti relations
12 thereby supporting the Defense Cooperative Agreement (DCA); and
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14 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the 29TH BRIGADE SPECIAL
15 TROOPS BATTALION over this deployment were multi-faceted,
16 accomplishing two things - keeping the force safe and secure and
17 providing outstanding sustainment support to US and CF forces -
18 for which it received multiple accolades and symbols of
19 appreciation by the units that it has supported as it has
20 embraced this non-traditional, non-doctrinal role, exceeding
21 expectations and has done whatever was necessary to ensure the
22 "war fighters" were supported to the fullest extent, and could
23 effectively and efficiently accomplish their missions; and
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25 WHEREAS, the 29TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION was assigned to
26 the Life Support Area (LSA), Ali Al Salem Air Base, and
27 performed duties as the LSA Command Cell managing the LSA Camp's
28 Force Protection, Service Contract COR (contracting officer
29 representative) duties, Facility Engineering projects for base
30 improvements, Environmental Compliance Program, Sexual
31 Assault/Awareness and Prevention, Safety, and other basic life
32 support functions including water production and delivery,
33 permanent party billeting, and MWR programs; and
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35 WHEREAS, the 29TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION Company A was
36 attached to the 1-487 Field Artillery Battalion in support of
37 SECFOR missions near the Sea Port of Debarkation (SPOD), Kuwait,
38 and all soldiers from Company B and Company C, 29TH Brigade
39 Support Battalion, were attached to the 1-299TH Cavalry Squadron
40 and performed multiple convoy security missions into Iraq; and



1 WHEREAS, the diligence, determination, and devotion with
2 which the Hawaii Air National Guard carries out its duties, day
3 in and day out, whether at home or abroad, to guard America's
4 skies is unrivaled, greatly appreciate, and does not go
5 unnoticed; and

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7 WHEREAS, the 154TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON, played an
8 intricate and significant role in their deployment to Sather Air
9 Base, Baghdad, Iraq in 2009, in direct support of Operation
10 Iraqi Freedom where the unit was hailed by commanders as they
11 expertly secured more than 150,000 acres at the busiest air
12 mobility hub in Iraq, ensuring the flawless movement of 250,000
13 passengers, 38,000 short-tons of cargo, and 9,000 sorties; and

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15 WHEREAS, the 154TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON members
16 conducted more than 80 combat presence patrols deterring
17 potential enemy insurgent attacks and providing security for the
18 newly emerging economic development of the Iraq International
19 Airport, adapting quickly in emergency situations that enabled
20 the rapid restoration of critical airfield operations during 12
21 indirect fire attacks on Coalition Forces by directing systemic
22 sweeps of patrol zones; and

23
24 WHEREAS, during the President of the United States'
25 inaugural visit and 8-hour combat layover of Air Force One in
26 Baghdad, Iraq, 154TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON's command section
27 was the driving force in the drafting and execution of a
28 flawless joint service operations order for over 100 personnel,
29 providing command and control for the protection of the
30 President; and

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32 WHEREAS, the 154TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON members
33 volunteered countless off-duty hours participating in numerous
34 community projects within the local Iraqi community,
35 strengthening relations between the Iraqi people and the United,
36 States Armed Forces; and

37
38 WHEREAS, for their distinguish accomplishments, the 154TH
39 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON members were awarded the Meritorious
40 Service Medal, four Air Force Commendation Medals, six Air Force



1 Achievement Medal and 28 Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals;
2 and

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4 WHEREAS, the 154TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON continues to
5 support the war effort and currently has unit members deployed
6 to Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates as well as
7 supporting operations in Japan and South Korea, while also
8 supporting Homeland Defense efforts in Hawaii; and

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10 WHEREAS, the 201ST COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP and its
11 associated units comprise one of eight nationwide combat
12 communications groups that provide command and control
13 communications and air traffic control services for the United
14 States Air Force during wartime and contingency requirements;
15 and

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17 WHEREAS, during their most recent AEF deployment,
18 approximately 125 people from 201ST COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
19 deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, and
20 Germany and provided communications services and support to war
21 fighters located throughout the theater of operations, with more
22 than 90 percent of personnel deployed for a minimum of 179 days
23 in-country and at least one member volunteering for an extended
24 365+ day tour; and

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26 WHEREAS, the 154TH CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON, played an
27 intricate and significant role as 50 Members deployed to Ali Al
28 Salem Air Base Kuwait, leading a 110 man Civil Engineering
29 Squadron responsible for the maintenance of all real property
30 assets at Ali Al Salem; and

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32 WHEREAS, the 154TH CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON unit was made
33 up of one active duty commander, five enlisted members, and 104
34 members that were from five states; and

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36 WHEREAS, providing all lead positions except for the
37 Commander and Structures superintendent, the 154TH CIVIL
38 ENGINEERING SQUADRON overcame numerous power and air
39 conditioning problems during the tour, successfully restored
40 power after a base wide power outage, and had no lost flying
41 missions; and



1 WHEREAS, the 204TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON played an intricate and
2 significant role providing over 2790 man-days in direct support
3 of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)/Operation Enduring Freedom
4 (OEF)-crews amassed over 580 hrs in combat, and carried an
5 amazing 1139 PAX and 21.8M lbs of cargo; and
6

7 WHEREAS, the 204TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON deployed two personnel
8 to Diego Garcia for 45 days to airlift 19M lbs and 209 PAX in
9 140 mission sorties, and the entire 5/2 Infantry Brigade into
10 Afghanistan; and
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12 WHEREAS, displaying total force commitment, 204TH AIRLIFT
13 SQUADRON executed another 2100 man-days providing support to Air
14 Mobility Command-deployed in indirect support to GWOT; and
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16 WHEREAS, 204TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON provided global support for
17 the Air National Guard, deploying aircrews over 1640 man-days to
18 provide support to the NBG and delivered over 1600 PAX and 1.1M
19 lb as leaders in Mission Ready Airlift; and
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21 WHEREAS, the rights and freedom of our country are
22 protected and preserved by the invaluable sacrifices and
23 courageous acts of the individuals who defend our nation; and
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25 WHEREAS, for their extraordinary and unselfish commitment
26 in this recent deployment to go beyond what is expected of them
27 to assist others who are in danger and in need, the State of
28 Hawaii is proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of our
29 service men and women in the Hawaii National Guard and Army
30 Reserve; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State
33 of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that this body hereby
34 expresses its deepest gratitude to the soldiers of the HAWAII
35 ARMY NATIONAL GUARD and the HAWAII ARMY RESERVE, and the airmen
36 and airwomen of the HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD for their service
37 to our state, nation, and the world, and recognizes and applauds



1 their deeds, bravery, and sacrifice, and extends to all of these
2 brave men and women its aloha and best wishes in all future
3 endeavors.
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