

By Representatives Melvin, J. Miller and Peaden

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending the United States Air  
3 Force Special Operations Command.

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5 WHEREAS, only days after being forward deployed in  
6 support of Operation Allied Force, members of six units from  
7 Hurlburt Field's Air Force Special Operations Command joined  
8 with the 352nd Special Operations Group, Royal Air Force  
9 Mildenhall, England, in a daring, textbook-perfect rescue of a  
10 downed F-117 Nighthawk pilot behind enemy lines only 30 miles  
11 from the Serbian capital of Belgrade, and

12 WHEREAS, less than a month later, the joint team was  
13 back in the skies on its second mission, this time the  
14 successful rescue of the pilot of an F-16 Fighting Falcon that  
15 had gone down in enemy territory, and

16 WHEREAS, in a magnificent display of courage,  
17 discipline, and teamwork so precise that in both instances the  
18 rescue craft was on the ground for less than 60 seconds before  
19 lifting off with the pilots safely aboard, the forces had  
20 tested and proved the value of months of intense and grueling  
21 training that had prepared them for just such action, and

22 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that recognition be  
23 accorded the units involved in the two unprecedented Kosovo  
24 rescues, the 720th Special Tactics Group, the 55th Special  
25 Operations Squadron, the 20th Special Operations Squadron, the  
26 9th Special Operations Squadron, the 4th Special Operations  
27 Squadron, the 25th Intelligence Squadron, all of Hurlburt  
28 Field, Florida, and the 352nd Special Operations Group, Royal  
29 Air Force, Mildenhall, the United Kingdom, NOW, THEREFORE,

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1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Florida:

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4           That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
5 deliberations to honor the members of the United States Air  
6 Force Special Operations Command for their courage,  
7 professionalism, and commitment in the face of grave danger,  
8 and to extend to them its heartfelt gratitude for a job well  
9 done.

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