

By Senator Lee

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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

2           A resolution supporting American and coalition

3           forces in "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

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5           WHEREAS, the men and women of our Armed Forces find

6 themselves once again engaged on foreign soil, and

7           WHEREAS, members of the Armed Forces from Florida

8 include career military professionals, reservists, volunteers,

9 and civilian-soldiers of the Florida National Guard, and

10           WHEREAS, the United States Central Command, which is

11 headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, has command

12 and operational control of the forces currently active in the

13 Middle East, and

14           WHEREAS, 5,366 reservists from communities all across

15 the state have left their families, friends, and jobs to serve

16 on active duty in all the service branches, and

17           WHEREAS, the Florida Army and Air National Guard has to

18 date activated 5,183 men and women who must also leave their

19 families and communities to apply their part-time military

20 training in front line and support positions, and

21           WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that we pause to

22 recognize these men and women and their fellow soldiers from

23 across America for their professional excellence, their

24 dedicated patriotism, and their exemplary courage, and

25           WHEREAS, we express our sincere gratitude to the

26 families of our military personnel for their dedication to

27 country during this time of separation from loved ones, and

28           WHEREAS, we express also our great pride and enduring

29 support for our men and women of the Armed Forces as they

30 respond to the call to duty and courageously answer their

31 country's call to serve, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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3           That this legislative body proudly honors and supports  
4 the men and women of our Armed Forces for their valor,  
5 unselfish sacrifices, and dedication to duty, and pays tribute  
6 to them on behalf of this state and the people of Florida.

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