

By Senator Storms

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Senate Resolution

A resolution expressing gratitude and support for the men and women of the United States military serving in the Global War on Terror and recognizing June 16, 2008, as "Vets for Victory Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, almost 2 million American men and women serving in the United States military as active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces, members of the National Guard, and military reservists are on duty around the world, charged with the responsibility of protecting the United States, its citizens, and our interests and allies, and

WHEREAS, many of these servicemembers are currently engaged in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, fighting the "Global War on Terror," and

WHEREAS, over 125,000 men and women from Florida have served in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of the Global War on Terror, and

WHEREAS, over 28,000 American troops have been wounded in combat in Iraq since March 19, 2003, while more than 3,800 others have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to their country, and

WHEREAS, all members of the United States military who are engaged in fighting the Global War on Terror do so with considerable personal sacrifice, which often includes long separations from their families, and

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the United States continue to protect all Americans, the interests of our nation, and our allies from those who are our avowed enemies and, in doing so,

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30 | need and deserve our complete respect and support, NOW,
31 | THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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35 | That the Florida Senate declares its complete and unwavering
36 | support for the American men and women serving in the United
37 | States military as active-duty members of the United States Armed
38 | Forces, members of the National Guard, and military reservists,
39 | both around the world and here at home, and for their mission in
40 | conducting the Global War on Terror.

41 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of the people of the
42 | State of Florida, the Florida Senate affirms that we will not
43 | abandon our servicemen and servicewomen in this time of war and
44 | pledges its full support to them and to their efforts to secure
45 | victory.

46 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of the people of the
47 | State of Florida, the Florida Senate expresses its deepest
48 | gratitude and heartfelt pride for the sacrifices and bravery of
49 | our servicemen and servicewomen both at home and abroad and
50 | expresses its utmost gratitude for their heroic service to the
51 | United States of America.

52 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in recognition of their service
53 | to the nation, the Florida Senate recognizes June 16, 2008, as
54 | "Vets for Victory Day" in the State of Florida.

55 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
56 | the Seal of the Senate affixed, be transmitted to the President
57 | of the United States, to the President of the United States
58 | Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of

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59 Representatives, to the United States Secretary of Defense, to
60 the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to each member
61 of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, to the
62 Governor of the State of Florida, and to the Executive Director
63 of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, as a tangible
64 token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.