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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 577

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GALLANT SERVICE OF THE
2 MEN AND WOMEN OF COMPANY G OF THE 185TH AVIATION OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
4 THEIR MISSION IN IRAQ.

5 WHEREAS, over 100 soldiers from Company G, 185th Aviation,
6 based in Meridian, Mississippi, were mobilized on January 3, 2004,
7 and traveled to their mobilization station at Fort Benning,
8 Georgia, to train and prepare for their deployment to Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, soldiers from Company G deployed to Iraq on February
10 15, 2004, to begin their mission of providing CH-47 "Chinook"
11 support to the 185th Aviation Brigade Command, "The Catfish
12 Brigade," from Jackson, Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, during their tour of duty, Company G transported
14 over 12 million pounds of cargo to support Coalition Ground Forces
15 in Iraq, and transported over 40,000 passengers in the Theater of
16 Operations; and

17 WHEREAS, Company G flew over 5,995 hours on Company G
18 aircraft and well over 6,200 hours of flight time; and

19 WHEREAS, Company G conducted 28 aircraft phases; and

20 WHEREAS, Company G provided flight transportation for
21 Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, other high-ranking
22 individuals and general officers; and

23 WHEREAS, Company G was called on to transport the top 10 most
24 wanted Iraqi prisoners; and

25 WHEREAS, Company G provided valuable aircraft flight training
26 to pilots from other states; and

27 WHEREAS, Company G recently returned to Mississippi from
28 their deployment in Iraq with no casualties or serious incidents;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Company G consistently surpasses all training
31 requirements due to the leadership of its command, and
32 consistently surpasses all training requirements due to the
33 professionalism and dedication of its soldiers; and

34 WHEREAS, Company G remains one of the most critical combat
35 multipliers in the Mississippi Army National Guard; and

36 WHEREAS, Company G, 185th Aviation will continue its heritage
37 as one of the best trained fighting forces in the Mississippi Army
38 National Guard and proudly protects life and property in the State
39 of Mississippi and defends our nation's freedoms:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
42 we do hereby commend the gallant service of the men and women of
43 Company G of the 185th Aviation of the Mississippi Army National
44 Guard upon the successful completion of their mission in Iraq, and
45 extend to them the congratulations of the Legislature for a job
46 well done.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 the Commanding Officer of Company G, 185th AVN, and the Adjutant
49 General of the Mississippi National Guard, and be made available
50 to the Capitol Press Corps.