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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.