

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND COMMENDING
2 THE DEVOTION, COURAGE AND DUTY OF THE CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI,
3 NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS FROM DETACHMENT 2, BATTERY C, 2ND 114TH
4 FIELD ARTILLERY OF THE 155TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM FOLLOWING
5 OPERATIONS IN IRAQ.

6 WHEREAS, Detachment 2, Battery C, 2nd 114th Field Artillery
7 of the 155th Brigade Combat Team is comprised of members of the
8 Mississippi National Guard from the Corinth, Mississippi, area who
9 have recently returned from combat and humanitarian operations in
10 Iraq; and

11 WHEREAS, the 155th Brigade Combat Team of the Mississippi
12 Army National Guard was mobilized in September 2004 representing
13 over 3,000 soldiers from 49 communities throughout Mississippi;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the 155th Brigade Combat Team, which is attached to
16 the II Marine Expeditionary Force, also had soldiers from other
17 states: Arkansas, Vermont, Utah and the 2nd of the 11th Armored
18 Cavalry Regiment who trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for four
19 months prior to its deployment to Iraq; the 155th BCT arrived in
20 Iraq in January 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

21 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Brigadier General Augustus
22 Leon Collins, the brigade performed beyond all expectations; and

23 WHEREAS, while in Iraq, the Corinth Unit of the 155th
24 conducted the following combat, security and humanitarian missions
25 in the area of Karbala and Al Hit, Iraq:

- 26 • Turned over security authority in Karbala to new Iraqi
- 27 Forces;
- 28 • Trained and partnered with the Iraqi Security Forces;

- 29 • Set up security in Iraqi's First Primary Elections;
- 30 • Provided security at water reconstruction projects in
- 31 Karbala;
- 32 • Maintained security during the Celebration of Ashura for
- 33 the Muslims Shite people;
- 34 • Assisted in conducting humanitarian projects in rebuilding
- 35 four schools, clinics, hospitals, police stations and crucial
- 36 infrastructures such as water, sewer, electrical and
- 37 reconstruction;
- 38 • Trained and partnered with the Iraqi Security Forces to
- 39 assist in security during various humanitarian and construction
- 40 projects;
- 41 • Operated the Karbala Joint Coordination Center (JCC) which
- 42 was responsible for the coordination of all Iraqi and U.S.
- 43 Security Forces in the Karbala Province;
- 44 • Conducted over 600 combat patrols providing security for
- 45 the Karbala and Al Anbar Province;
- 46 • Aided in capture of some 300 possible insurgents at Al
- 47 Hit;
- 48 • Maintained security in the first elections of ratification
- 49 of the Iraqi Constitution at Al Hit and maintained security for
- 50 the First Parliamentary Elections; and
- 51 • Operated under the Direct Command of the 2nd Marine
- 52 Division and aided in Operations-Operation Iron Hammer, Iron Fist
- 53 and River Sweep; and

54 WHEREAS, due to the 155th BCT's active involvement in local

55 communities, almost \$100 Million was committed to these

56 humanitarian and construction projects; and

57 WHEREAS, during their service supporting Operation Iraqi

58 Freedom, many received wounds while conducting combat operations,

59 and 14 Mississippians paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom;

60 and

61 WHEREAS, the following are the members of Detachment 2,
62 Battery C, 2nd 114th Field Artillery who served in Iraq: Ssgt.
63 Chris Bullock, Sgt. David Bullock, Ssgt. Danny Burdge, Pvt. Brian
64 Duke, Lt. Jody Criss, Ssgt. Jack Harrelson, Sgt. Charles Howie,
65 Sfc. Roger Lewis, Sgt. Greg Lindsey, Sgt. James Nanney, Spc.
66 Travis Osborn, Cpl. William Parsons, Spc. Matt Robinson, Sgt.
67 James Russell, Sgt. Jerry Spencer, Sgt. Bernard Toomer, Sgt.
68 Landon Tucker and Lt. David Nunley (Alpha Battery); and

69 WHEREAS, with the return of the 155th BCT, the Mississippi
70 National Guard now has the most combat veterans since World War
71 II; and

72 WHEREAS, Mississippians understand the costs of conflict,
73 because we have paid them in the past, and it is with great pride
74 and humility that we recognize the heroic action of this great
75 Mississippi fighting unit, which is the guardian of civilization
76 as we know it today:

77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
78 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby remember the gallant service and
79 commend the devotion and courage of the Corinth, Mississippi,
80 National Guard soldiers of Detachment 2, Battery C, 2nd 114th
81 Field Artillery of the 155th Brigade Combat Team (BCT) of the
82 Mississippi National Guard following their return from operations
83 in Iraq, we extend the thanks of the Senate to these men and women
84 and their families for their duty to our state, our nation and to
85 the free world and we welcome them home.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
87 their Commanding Officer, Captain Daniels, and to Mississippi
88 Adjutant General Harold Cross and be made available to the Capitol
89 Press Corps.