

**RESOLUTION HONORING UTAH MILITARY
SERVICE PERSONNEL**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Fred R. Hunsaker

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor honors Utah National Guard members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ honors Utah National Guard members for their service in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
- ▶ recognizes the many efforts of Utah National Guard members in helping to

strengthen and rebuild communities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, the National Guard has a proud tradition, has been in existence for over 365 years, and its members continually train to be the most ready reserve component in the world;

WHEREAS, the Utah National Guard has distinguished itself for service and mobilization, and since the war began in Iraq, every unit in the Utah National Guard has been mobilized in some fashion;

WHEREAS, units of the Utah National Guard serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are not only striving to maintain peace and freedom, they are also serving the citizens of those countries in unique and lasting ways;

WHEREAS, members of the 116th Army Engineer Company "Devil Diggers" stationed

in Iraq have hauled gravel, built roads, improved defensive positions, fabricated parts to fix equipment, constructed helipads and taxiways, and provided civil engineering design and construction surveying services;

WHEREAS, members of the 1-211 Attack Aviation Battalion stationed in Afghanistan have provided humanitarian supplies to villagers in Jegdalek and made arrangements for a child in the village to receive much needed eye surgery;

WHEREAS, Charlie Company of the 1457th Engineer Battalion, stationed in Iraq, has been awarded the prestigious Itscher Award for being the best National Guard Engineering company nationwide;

WHEREAS, these and other Utah National Guard units stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan have worked hard and represented their state and nation with distinction in their efforts to secure these struggling nations and help these societies rebuild in an atmosphere of freedom and opportunity;

WHEREAS, many units of the Utah National Guard remaining in Utah are providing much needed support for the units deployed; and

WHEREAS, the state of Utah is grateful for the exemplary manner in which units of the Utah National Guard have served the citizens of Iraq and Afghanistan:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, honor the efforts of Utah National Guard units stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and those units at home that are supporting their efforts, for their dedication to freedom and for their service to the people of these struggling nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Utah National Guard unit, past and present, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the units stationed in Utah providing support services to the unit deployments.