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Senate Resolution 3

Sponsored by Senators SCHRADER, ATKINSON, FERRIOLI, GEORGE, GIROD, KRUSE, TELFER; Senators BATES, BONAMICI, BOQUIST, BURDICK, DEVLIN, DINGFELDER, EDWARDS, HASS, JOHNSON, METSGER, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, MORRISSETTE, MORSE, NELSON, ROSENBAUM, SHIELDS, STARR, VERGER, WHITSETT, WINTERS

Whereas the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Oregon National Guard has a storied tradition of service to Oregon and to this country; and

Whereas the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team consists of the Oregon National Guard's oldest units, tracing its roots to 1846; and

Whereas the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, on May 4, 2009, mobilized for training before deployment to Iraq under the command of Colonel Dan Hokanson; and

Whereas the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team has deployed approximately 3,400 troops to Iraq since May 2009; and

Whereas the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team's current deployment is the longest deployment of Oregon National Guard troops since World War II, when it earned the name "Jungleers" and received three Distinguished Unit Citations; and

Whereas the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, under the command of Brigadier General Douglas Pritt, in the spring of 2006 joined personnel serving in Afghanistan, marking its first major deployment to a combat zone since World War II; and

Whereas the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in September 2005, served as part of Task Force Oregon in relief and security efforts near the French Quarter in New Orleans; and

Whereas the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team will return to Oregon from Iraq in May 2010; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Senate of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, in special legislative session assembled, extend our gratitude to the brave citizen soldiers of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team and their families for their sacrifices made during their deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan; and be it further

Resolved, That the May 8, 2010, celebration of Military Family Appreciation Day is dedicated to the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Adopted by Senate February 15, 2010

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate