

House Concurrent Resolution 1

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Recognizes impending overseas deployment of Oregon National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Honors service and sacrifice of Oregon's citizen soldiers and their families and expresses support for them.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) traces its lineage back to the 41st
3 Infantry Division, which was formed in 1917 for service in World War I and was composed primarily
4 of National Guard units from the Pacific Northwest; and

5 Whereas the 41st Infantry Division, known as the "Sunset" Division, served with honor and
6 distinction in both world wars, and in World War II it was the division in the United States Army
7 that served the longest deployment; and

8 Whereas the 41st Infantry Division was reorganized as the 41st Infantry Brigade, elements of
9 which served overseas in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the Sinai Peninsula, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan,
10 as well as domestically in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

11 Whereas this proud and historic unit is currently organized as the 41st IBCT of the Oregon
12 National Guard, and it is composed of battalions from Oregon, Washington and New Mexico; and

13 Whereas the 41st IBCT is headquartered at Camp Withycombe, in Clackamas County, Oregon;
14 and

15 Whereas the most recent overseas deployment of the 41st IBCT was in 2014-2015 to Afghanistan;
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17 Whereas the National Guard is an operational force with a dual mission of serving both at home
18 and abroad, and the 41st IBCT is trained and ready for any mission; and

19 Whereas the 41st IBCT completed a brigade field training exercise in August 2018, which pre-
20 pared the brigade for supporting a federal mobilization; and

21 Whereas the 41st IBCT has received notification of an impending overseas deployment that is
22 expected to begin in October 2019; and

23 Whereas a typical National Guard deployment lasts approximately 12 months; and

24 Whereas potential locations for the 41st IBCT's deployment include Africa, the Middle East and
25 Eastern Europe; and

26 Whereas support from families, loved ones and employers makes it possible for National Guard
27 units such as the 41st IBCT to serve our communities, our state and our nation; now, therefore,

28 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

29 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize the impending overseas
30 deployment of the Oregon National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team; and be it further

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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1 Resolved, That we honor the service and sacrifice of the citizen soldiers of the 41st IBCT and
2 their family members, and we express our support for them before, during and after the deployment;
3 and be it further

4 Resolved, That we call upon all Oregonians and all agencies of the State of Oregon to support
5 the citizen soldiers of the 41st IBCT and their family members.

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