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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas the most recent overseas deployment of the 41st IBCT was in 2014-2015 to Afghanistan; and

Whereas the National Guard is an operational force with a dual mission of serving both at home and abroad, and the 41st IBCT is trained and ready for any mission; and

Whereas the 41st IBCT completed a brigade field training exercise in August 2018, which prepared the brigade for supporting a federal mobilization; and

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

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

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

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

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize the impending overseas 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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Resolved, That we honor the service and sacrifice of the citizen soldiers of the 41st IBCT and their family members, and we express our support for them before, during and after the deployment; and be it further

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