SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY M. WHEAT

A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA SUPPORTING MONTANA'S ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 armed forces personnel from the State of Montana are presently in the Persian Gulf region; and

WHEREAS, Montanans in the Persian Gulf region are serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Guard in a wide variety of duty assignments; and

WHEREAS, Montanans have a long and distinguished heritage of service to our nation in times of military conflict; and

WHEREAS, the brave personnel from our state are continuing the Montana tradition of commitment and sacrifice at their duty stations in the Persian Gulf region; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush, as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, is always in our prayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

(1) That the Montana Senate express the deep feeling of all Montanans in this affirmation of support and gratitude to the courageous service personnel from Montana now assigned to the current operation in the Persian Gulf.

(2) That it is the hope of the people of Montana that:

(a) the mission of the forces in the Persian Gulf region be accomplished quickly and that Montanans and other service personnel serving in the current operation will soon return home safely;

(b) long-lasting peace be brought to the nation of Iraq with a minimum loss of life to members of our Armed Forces and to the innocent civilians in the region; and

(c) when making decisions of war and peace in the current operation, our Commander in Chief be guided by wisdom and good judgment.

(3) That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Montana Congressional Delegation and to Montana service personnel in the Persian Gulf region informing them that the heartfelt thanks of all Montana are extended to them, that we are proud of them, that they are in our prayers, and that we send them

best wishes for a safe return.

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