

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MONTANANS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, all Americans have the right, by virtue of wearing the noble title of citizen, to great personal freedoms in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness; and

WHEREAS, the history of our young country demonstrates countless examples of bravery and personal sacrifice in order to preserve the freedoms and liberties of the collective citizenry; and

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, the nation has once again called upon those who have dedicated their lives to the defense of the nation to stand up against forces that wish ill upon the United States; and

WHEREAS, Montanans have always answered the call to defend the nation, and Montanans will continue to serve and lead in the global war on terror; and

WHEREAS, Montanans serving in every branch of service, both active duty and guard and reserves, have been deployed in the global war on terror at great personal sacrifice to themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, a number of Montanans have made the ultimate sacrifice in Operation Enduring Freedom

and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, we as Montanans will continue to support these heroes as they return home to face the challenge of rejoining family, friends, and community.

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

That the Montana Legislature recognize the dedication, professionalism, and bravery of all Montanans who have served and will serve in the armed forces of the United States as a part of the global war on terror.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Montana Congressional Delegation, ~~and to~~ THE RESPECTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE, THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE INCLUDE WITH THE COPIES SENT TO THE RESPECTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE, THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD A REQUEST THAT THE RESPECTIVE SECRETARIES, THE COMMANDANT, AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL USE EVERY MEANS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO HAILS FROM MONTANA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION IS TO CONVEY TO Montana service personnel ~~informing them~~ that the heartfelt thanks of all Montanans 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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