

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# **S. CON. RES. 64**

Commending the Alaska Army National Guard for its service to the State  
of Alaska and the citizens of the United States.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19, 2007

Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following  
concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Commending the Alaska Army National Guard for its service  
to the State of Alaska and the citizens of the United States.

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry of the Alaska  
Army National Guard deployment of almost 600 Alas-  
kans was the largest deployment of the Alaska National  
Guard since World War II;

Whereas the Alaskans of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry  
came from 80 different communities across Alaska;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry included 75 sol-  
diers from New York, Mississippi, Illinois, Georgia and  
Puerto Rico;

Whereas the 586 soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infan-  
try were mobilized in July of 2006 and deployed to Camp  
Shelby, Mississippi;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry was deployed to Camp Navstar and Camp Buehring in Northern Kuwait;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry courageously performed route and perimeter security missions, mounted combat patrols and inspections and searches of vehicles going into Iraq from Kuwait, among other assignments;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry, over the course of 15 months in Kuwait and Iraq, inspected and searched over 30,000 semi-trucks;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry designed all force protection plans in northern Kuwait;

Whereas the families of the members of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry have provided unwavering support while waiting patiently for their loved ones to return;

Whereas the employers of members and family members of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry have displayed patriotism over profit, by keeping positions saved for the returning soldiers and supporting the families during the difficult days of this long deployment, and these employers are great corporate citizens through their support of members of the Armed Forces and their family members;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry has performed admirably and courageously; gaining the gratitude and respect of Alaskans and all Americans; and

Whereas members of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry received 7 Bronze Stars, 23 Meritorious Service Medals, 142 Army Commendations and more than 200 Army Achievement Medals for their outstanding service: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3               (1) commends the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infan-  
4 try of the Alaska Army National Guard upon its  
5 completion of deployment and brave service to the  
6 Commonwealth of Alaska and the citizens of the  
7 United States; and

8               (2) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
9 atives to transmit a copy of this resolution to the  
10 Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard for  
11 appropriate display.

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