

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 287

Honoring and expressing gratitude to the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry
("Ironman Battalion") of the Iowa National Guard.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2007

Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring and expressing gratitude to the 1st Battalion of
the 133rd Infantry ("Ironman Battalion") of the Iowa
National Guard.

Whereas 476 members of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry
of the Iowa National Guard were mobilized for active
duty in September and October of 2005;

Whereas 80 members of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry
have been providing essential support to the Battalion
from Iowa National Guard installations in Waterloo,
Iowa, and Dubuque, Iowa, and at least 490 members of
the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry were deployed to Iraq
in April and May of 2006;

Whereas the members of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry
have been serving bravely and honorably since April and

May of 2006 in the al-Anbar Province of Iraq, one of the most dangerous parts of Iraq;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry deployed as part of the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 34th Infantry Division, which has completed the longest continuous deployment of any National Guard unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry is the longest-serving Iowa Army National Guard unit since World War II;

Whereas the CBS program “60 Minutes” devoted an entire hour to telling the story of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry on May 27, 2007;

Whereas the members of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry have completed over 500 missions, providing security for convoys operating in al-Anbar Province;

Whereas the members of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry have logged over 4,000,000 mission miles, and have delivered over $\frac{1}{3}$ of the fuel needed to sustain coalition forces in Iraq;

Whereas the members of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry have detained over 60 insurgents;

Whereas the members of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry were scheduled to return home in April 2007, but had their tours of duty extended until July 2007;

Whereas the members of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry left behind civilian jobs, friends, and families in order to serve the United States;

Whereas 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry members Sergeant 1st Class Scott E. Nisely and Sergeant Kampha B.

Sourivong gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country when they were tragically killed during combat operations near Al Asad, Iraq, on September 30, 2006; and

Whereas the United States will be forever indebted to the soldiers and families of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry for their sacrifices and their contributions to the mission of the United States in Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate honors and expresses grati-
2 tude for the service and sacrifices of the members and
3 families of the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry of the
4 Iowa National Guard upon the return home of the Bat-
5 talion from its deployment in Iraq.

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