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H. RES. 1584

Honoring the members of the Utah National Guard.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2010

Mr. CHAFFETZ (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, and Mr. MATHESON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Honoring the members of the Utah National Guard.

Whereas in 2009, the Utah National Guard was one of only four States to exceed national standards in all six measurable categories for recruiting, including end strength, non prior-service enlistment, retention, attrition, recruiting sustainment program, officer strength, and enlisted strength;

Whereas the 7,000 members of the Utah National Guard stand ready to serve the citizens of the State of Utah and the United States, and have distinguished themselves during 2009 and 2010 in numerous respects;

Whereas Sergeant Shauna Rohbock placed sixth in the women's bobsled event at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games;

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 5 Paul Holton, founder of Chief Wiggles' Operation Give, continues to provide humanitarian assistance to Iraqi citizens and families;

Whereas in the continuing partnership between the Utah National Guard and the Kingdom of Morocco, there have been more than 75 information and training exchanges since 2004 between members of the Utah National Guard and Moroccan military members both in Utah and Morocco to include artillery, engineer, medical, public affairs, Special Forces, disaster-response, and command-and-control exercises;

Whereas the 85th Civil Support Team, the Utah National Guard's hazmat crew, was instrumental in identifying the source of a phosphine-gas leak that took the lives of two young girls in February 2010, removing the hazard, and assessing the house and neighborhood for reoccupation;

Whereas in June 2009, the 85th Civil Support Team responded to a white-powder incident at Utah Valley University;

Whereas the Utah National Guard Charitable Trust continues its fifth year, providing more than \$400,000 in financial support to members of the Utah National Guard and their families during times of deployment in the event of financial, medical, or other emergencies;

Whereas the annual Freedom Academy, sponsored by the Utah National Guard's Honorary Colonels organization, educates high school student body officers in principles of leadership, citizenship, and the Nation's founding documents;

Whereas Sergeant Guy Mellor was named nationwide National Guard Soldier of the Year 2009, besting contest-

ants from the 54 States and territories in physical fitness, self-defense, land navigation, soldier skills, marksmanship, and general military knowledge;

Whereas Staff Sergeant Philip McClure of the 116th Engineer Company of the Utah National Guard received the Utah Cross for bravery in the rescue of trapped motorists from a burning vehicle;

Whereas several members of the Utah Air National Guard were in Chile to provide training to Chilean pilots when the 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck on February 27, 2010, whereupon these service members performed rescue operations for Chilean citizens trapped in their building and helped fly 12 humanitarian missions to transport emergency aid supplies and equipment to needed areas in Chile;

Whereas the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion marked its 50th anniversary on February 27, 2010, having provided linguistic support to U.S. Department of Defense activities since 1960; and

Whereas members of the Utah National Guard continue to serve overseas in dozens of countries worldwide, supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle, and other exercises to maintain their equipment and key skills necessary to protect the citizens of the United States at home and abroad: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the members of the Utah National Guard for their con-
- 3 tinuing valuable service and contributions.

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