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Commending the service of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team of the
Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Commending the service of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat
Team of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Whereas the members of the Army National Guard and Air
National Guard of the State of Pennsylvania reside
throughout the State and come from a number of dif-
ferent backgrounds, professions, and communities;

Whereas members and units of the Pennsylvania National
Guard have been deployed in support of United States
military operations at home and in Iraq, Afghanistan,
and dozens of other countries;

Whereas one such unit, the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat
Team of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, is com-
posed of approximately 4,000 citizen-soldiers from
throughout the State of Pennsylvania;

Whereas the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team is the only National Guard Stryker Brigade serving in the United States Army;

Whereas the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, following mobilization and deployment to Kosovo in 2003, was placed on Federal active duty for a second overseas mobilization on September 19, 2008, and deployed to Iraq on January 15, 2009;

Whereas during the deployment of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team in Taji, Iraq, the brigade was primarily engaged in convoy security, force protection, provincial reconstruction, and base operations missions;

Whereas the members of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team performed more than 800 combined operations, captured 7 brigade-level high-value targets, and discovered more than 80 enemy weapon caches; and

Whereas in September 2009, upon completion of 1 year of service in support of military operations in Iraq, the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team returned to the United States and demobilized: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses its gratitude to the members of
3 the Army National Guard and Air National Guard
4 of the State of Pennsylvania and their families for
5 their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United
6 States;

7 (2) commends the members of the 56th Stryker
8 Brigade Combat Team of the Pennsylvania Army

1 National Guard on the completion of their deploy-
2 ment to Iraq;

3 (3) recognizes the achievements of the members
4 of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, as well
5 as all other formerly and presently deployed Penn-
6 sylvania Army National Guard and Air National
7 Guard units and members, for their exemplary serv-
8 ice; and

9 (4) offers its condolences to the family and
10 friends of Specialist Chad Edmundson of Williams-
11 burg, Pennsylvania, and Staff Sergeant Mark Baum
12 of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, who died in service to
13 their country.

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