

Senate Resolution 559

By: Senators Brown of the 26th, Johnson of the 1st, Golden of the 8th, Stephens of the 27th,
Douglas of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and honoring Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade (Enhanced) (Mechanized); and
2 for other purposes.



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4 WHEREAS, Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade was originally organized on April 23, 1825, in
5 Macon as the Macon Volunteers and first mustered into federal service on February 18, 1836,
6 at Picolata, Florida, as Captain Seymor's Company, 1st Battalion Georgia Volunteers; and

7 WHEREAS, the Brigade underwent many changes and call-ups since the 19th century, and
8 always served our state and country with the highest levels of valor and honor; and

9 WHEREAS, more than 4,500 soldiers were inducted into federal service November 30, 1990,
10 in support of Desert Storm, successfully completed the most intensive training ever
11 conducted at the Army's National Training Center in California, and were the first and only
12 soldiers of a National Guard combat brigade validated as combat ready for the Gulf War; and

13 WHEREAS, nearly 4,000 soldiers of today's 48th Infantry Brigade have been mobilized and
14 are training for deployment to Iraq and in support of the Global War on Terrorism; and

15 WHEREAS, these soldiers of the "Old Gray Bonnet" are once again standing up for our
16 freedoms and answering our nation's call during the most difficult of times; and

17 WHEREAS, the Brigade consists of the 1st Battalion - 121st Infantry Regiment,
18 2nd Battalion - 121st Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion - 108th Armor Regiment, 1st Battalion
19 - 118th Field Artillery Regiment, 648th Engineer Battalion, 148th Forward Support Battalion

1 (HSB), Troop E - 108th Cavalry Regiment, 248th Military Intelligence Company, Battery
2 E, 179th Air Defense Artillery; and

3 WHEREAS, the men and women in each of these units are not just brave soldiers, but they
4 are our family members, our friends, our neighbors, our preachers, our police officers, our
5 teachers, and, most importantly, our heroes.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends and
7 honors the enormous patriotism displayed by the soldiers of Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade
8 (Enhanced) (Mechanized), commits to support their efforts and their families through every
9 means possible, and will forever be grateful for their defense of free people throughout the
10 world.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Major General David Poythress, Adjutant
13 General of the Georgia Department of Defense.