

House Resolution 1805

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Burkhalter of the 50th, Yates of the 73rd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Fleming of the 117th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Company of the 648th Engineer Battalion (Sapper) of the United States
2 Army Corps of Engineers; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, the members of Alpha Company of the 648th Engineer Battalion (Sapper) of
7 the United States Army Corps of Engineers have long been recognized by the citizens of this
8 nation for the vital role that they have played in leadership and their deep personal
9 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, these military heroes have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive
11 and rigorous training and have served their country with honor and distinction in the global
12 war on terror during Operation Iraqi Freedom and the peace-keeping mission in Bosnia; and

13 WHEREAS, the achievements of this group of soldiers defy description but can be readily
14 ascertained through the astonishing total of over 275 awards its members have received
15 through 250 combat missions in Iraq, including six Bronze Star Medals, five Purple Hearts,
16 60 Combat Action Badges, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Commendation
17 Medals, Iraq Campaign Medals, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary
18 Medals, National Defense Service Medals, Overseas Service Ribbons, Georgia Special
19 Operations Ribbons, and Combat Action Badges for Directly Engaging and Being Engaged
20 by the Enemy; and

21 WHEREAS, their selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of
22 human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
23 accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be recognized
24 appropriately.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend Alpha Company of the 648th Engineer Battalion
3 (Sapper) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers for its efficient, effective, unselfish,
4 and dedicated public service to the citizens of this country and state; welcome its soldiers
5 back upon the occasion of their return to Georgia; and extend to them their most profound
6 and sincere appreciation for them and for all members of the United States military who
7 stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Alpha Company of the
10 648th Engineer Battalion (Sapper) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.