

Senate Resolution 51 EX

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th, Balfour of the 9th, Hill of the 4th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and honoring Georgia's 48th Brigade Combat Team; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia's 48th Brigade Combat Team is beginning its fifth month of
3 deployment in Iraq; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Brigade's deployment represents the largest deployment of the Georgia
5 Army National Guard since World War II, and these fine men and women always served our
6 state and country with the highest levels of valor and honor; and
- 7 WHEREAS, more than 4,600 soldiers of today's 48th Brigade Combat Team have been
8 mobilized and are training for deployment to Iraq and in support of the Global War on
9 Terrorism; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Brigade consists of the 1st Battalion - 121st Infantry Regiment
11 headquartered in Winder, 2nd Battalion - 121st Infantry Regiment headquartered in Athens,
12 1st Battalion - 108th Armor Regiment headquartered in Calhoun, 1st Battalion - 118th Field
13 Artillery Regiment headquartered in Savannah, 648th Engineer Battalion headquartered in
14 Statesboro, 148th Forward Support Battalion headquartered in Forsythe, Troop E - 108th
15 Cavalry Regiment headquartered in Griffin, and 248th Military Intelligence Company
16 headquartered at Fort Gillem; and
- 17 WHEREAS, headquartered in Iraq at Camp Stryker near Baghdad, the Brigade's primary
18 mission is to train the Iraqi Army and additional missions include combat patrols and convoy
19 and support operations including helping to improve local infrastructure and other
20 construction projects; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the men and women in each of these units are not just brave soldiers, but they
22 are our family members, our friends, our neighbors, our preachers, our police officers, our
23 teachers, and, most importantly, our heroes.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends and
2 honors the enormous patriotism displayed by the soldiers of Georgia's 48th Brigade Combat
3 Team, commits to support their efforts and their families through every means possible, and
4 will forever be grateful for their defense of free people throughout the world.

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