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Senate Resolution 982

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Thompson of the 33rd, Stoner of the 6th, Hill of the 32nd and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the members of the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron of the Georgia
- 2 Air National Guard; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron of the Georgia Air National
- 4 Guard, located at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, provides deployable, long range
- 5 communication and information capabilities in support of the Air Force and Joint Forces
- 6 Command operations around the world; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron was awarded its fifth Air Force
- 8 Outstanding Unit Award in 2007, just one year after receiving its fourth award in 2006; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in spite of a unit reduction of nearly 40 percent, this Georgia Air National
- 10 Guard unit continues its support of the Global War on Terror; and
- WHEREAS, Georgia's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron deployed more than 20
- 12 percent of its members for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan where unit members deployed
- 13 to Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates where they established central
- 14 communications hubs vital for command and control for combat missions in Iraq; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Georgia's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron has also deployed in
- support of Operation Bright Star, a biennial joint coalition exercise in Egypt directed by the
- 17 Joint Chiefs of Staff and scheduled by the United States Central Command; the operation is
- 18 co-hosted by Egypt and the United States, and is designed to increase regional involvement
- 19 in pursuit of improved security and defense capabilities; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a team of satellite communications specialists from the 283rd Combat
- 21 Communications Squadron deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, for more than a year to set
- 22 up high speed, secure video and voice communications links from army forward operating
- 23 bases; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Dobbins based Georgia Air Guardsmen deployed in support of the First Air

- 2 Force's Deployable-Homeland and Air Cruise Missile Defense proof of concept operations
- 3 in California, an exercise demonstrating a rapidly deployable air defense system designed
- 4 to protect high profile national targets against cruise missiles and other low flying threats;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, the 283rd's communications teams deployed to several locations on the West
- 7 Coast, providing secure data networking and voice communications and transmission
- 8 requirements; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Air Guardsmen of Georgia's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron also
- 10 played a vital role in restoring reliable communication following the ravages of Hurricane
- 11 Katrina and Rita; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the members of this professional, well prepared, and highly trained organization
- 13 have shown that they are more than able to respond effectively to crises at home or abroad,
- 14 putting their lives on the line for the citizens of this great nation; and
- 15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the contributions of this brave group of
- 16 individuals be recognized appropriately.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 18 commend the members of the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron of the Georgia Air
- 19 National Guard and express their appreciation for the contributions the group has made to
- 20 the defense of our nation.
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the 283rd Combat Communications
- 23 Squadron of the Georgia Air National Guard.