

Senate Resolution 742

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sergeant First Class Belinda J. Nelson on the occasion of her
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Belinda J. Nelson has long been recognized by the citizens
4 of this nation for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, she enlisted into the United States Army on February 23, 1993; graduated from
7 basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in June; completed Advanced Individual
8 Training in October, being awarded the Primary Military Occupational Specialty training at
9 Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; and arrived at her first duty station in Fort Polk, Louisiana,
10 with the 1-2 Air Defense Artillery Battalion as the SIDPERS clerk; and

11 WHEREAS, during her tour, she was promoted to the rank of specialist and received several
12 awards for Unit Command Inspections, her accomplishments during the Joint Service
13 Exercise, Roving Sands, and being in the top 10 percent of her Primary Leadership Course
14 making the Commandant's List; and

15 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Nelson obtained the rank of sergeant in February of 1996
16 at Fort Bliss, Texas, with the 108th Brigade Advanced Party and reenlisted in May of 1997,
17 subsequently receiving an award for her accomplishments during the ULCHI FOCUS LENS
18 Exercise; and

19 WHEREAS, she was transferred to Washington, D.C., in 1999 with the Defense Intelligence
20 Agency, where she received the Joint Service Achievement Medal for her participation in
21 numerous Color Guard events; and

22 WHEREAS, she was promoted to sergeant first class during her permanent change of station
23 in September of 2003 to Okinawa, Japan, with the 10th Area Support Group; and

24 WHEREAS, her personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal,
25 Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation
26 Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct
27 Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Global War on
28 Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon,
29 Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 remarkable and distinguished American and her 20 years of honorable service be recognized
32 appropriately.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Sergeant First Class Belinda J. Nelson for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and
35 dedicated public service to the citizens of her country; congratulate her upon the grand
36 occasion of her retirement; express their gratitude for her sacrifice in serving as a guardian
37 of this nation's freedom and liberty; and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for
38 continued health and happiness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sergeant First Class Belinda J. Nelson.