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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the men and women of the Pennsylvania Army National  
2 Guard's 213th Area Support Group on a successful ten-month  
3 deployment in Iraq from July 2007 to April 2008.

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 213th Area  
5 Support Group successfully completed a ten-month deployment to  
6 Iraq from July 2007 to April 2008; and

7 WHEREAS, With its long distinguished history and campaign  
8 ribbons from the Civil War, War with Spain, World War I and  
9 World War II, the 213th Area Support Group proved its mettle

1 time and again on fields of battle in Meuse-Argonne, Champagne-  
2 Marne, Rhineland, Normandy and Afghanistan; and

3 WHEREAS, The group also extended a helping hand time and  
4 again to the Commonwealth's citizens in time of flood, hurricane  
5 and blizzard; and

6 WHEREAS, Under the command of Colonel Brian Leonhard and  
7 Command Sergeant Major Mike Wevodau, some 120 citizen-soldiers  
8 took off business suits and ties and put on combat uniforms and  
9 Kevlars to protect our interests abroad; and

10 WHEREAS, Upholding the highest standards, the 213th Area  
11 Support Group served with distinction, dedication and honor; and

12 WHEREAS, Managing the largest support hub in Iraq, they moved  
13 nearly 17 million pounds of goods and services throughout the  
14 combat zone; and

15 WHEREAS, The 213th Area Support Group played a pivotal role  
16 in the now famous surge of United States forces into the region,  
17 supported stability and sustainment operations and enhanced the  
18 quality of life for both coalition forces and citizens of Iraq;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, During this deployment, the 213th Area Support Group  
21 distinguished itself by extraordinary dedication to mission  
22 accomplishment and the protection and care of its individual  
23 soldiers; and

24 WHEREAS, In supporting this strategic hub, they exceeded all  
25 standards and expectations; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the men and  
27 women of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 213th Area  
28 Support Group and congratulate them on a mission well done and  
29 is furthermore grateful for their safe return; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That their dedicated and selfless service ensures

- 1 the democratic ideals of life, liberty and the pursuit of
- 2 happiness are protected for all Americans.