

No. R-17. House concurrent resolution honoring the bravery and dedication of the members of the Vermont National Guard.

(H.C.R.12)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the members of the Vermont National Guard, with limited exceptions, are part-time citizen soldiers, and

Whereas, the Vermont National Guard has participated in national military call-ups since the founding of our nation, and

Whereas, with congressional authorization for the use of military force, the Vermont National Guard may be called into federal service to become a part of the United States military for combat deployment, and

Whereas, Vermont National Guard units have been deployed to military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and

Whereas, most recently, a 1,500-soldier Vermont National Guard deployment, the largest since World War II, returned from Afghanistan, and

Whereas, these overseas assignments have sadly resulted in Vermont National Guard personnel sustaining injuries and some of their colleagues returning home in need of our special attention, care, and support, and

Whereas, some Vermont National Guard personnel have regrettably been called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice during these deployments, and

Whereas, these soldiers and their families have made enormous personal sacrifices in association with this historic deployment, and

Whereas, a unit of 240 Vermont Air National Guard personnel is now embarking on an approximately month-long mission to South Korea, and

Whereas, the valor and superb public service of Vermont National Guard personnel and of those Vermonters affiliated with other active or reserve units of the United States military also merit this legislature's utmost commendation and respect, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the bravery, dedication, and sacrifice of the members of the Vermont National Guard, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly is committed to supporting all members of the Vermont National Guard both during their military service and thereafter, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Adjutant General, Major General Michael Dubie.