

House Resolution No. 489

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably answered the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment and participation in the Missouri National Guard; and

Whereas, Chris Colon has attained considerable distinction as a Staff Sergeant in the Missouri National Guard's 1139th Military Police Company which is headquartered in Harrisonville; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Chris Colon and the other officers and soldiers of the 1139th Military Police Company were called up for active duty during February 2003; stopped at Fort Riley, Kansas, for training and preparation; were delayed by Turkey's denial of coalition forces access to its border with northern Iraq; and arrived in Iraq during March 2003; and

Whereas, stationed in southern Baghdad, Staff Sergeant Chris Colon set right to work enforcing the rule of law on the local population while at the same time training the native Iraqi police force in the fundamental theory and practice of police work; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Chris Colon returned to the United States in January 2004 after spending Christmas in Kuwait; and

Whereas, in civilian life Staff Sergeant Chris Colon is a DARE and student resource officer with the Lee's Summit Police Department; and

Whereas, those family members waiting to greet Staff Sergeant Chris Colon upon his return to the Kansas City area included his beloved wife, Tracy, and their three children, Kristen, Kevin, and Katelynn; and

Whereas, prior to his Iraqi deployment, Staff Sergeant Chris Colon was activated for ten months to aid Operation Noble Eagle through assignment to nearby Lake City Army Ammunition Plant:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Staff Sergeant Chris Colon and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his patriotic service as a member of the Missouri National Guard 1139th Military Police Company stationed in Iraq and our sincerest best wishes for a bright future now that he has returned home to his family and career with the Lee's Summit Police Department; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Staff Sergeant Chris Colon.

Offered by _____
 Representative Brian Yates
 District No. 56

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 489, adopted February 11, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker