

House Resolution No. 2499

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have answered the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment and work in the various components of the United States military; and

Whereas, Kevin Hanebrink grew up in Warrenton where he has attained considerable distinction as an officer with the Saint Louis County Police Department and a Staff Sergeant with the United States Army Reserves; and

Whereas, after departing for Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on Valentine's Day 2003, Staff Sergeant Kevin Hanebrink and his fellow soldiers in the United States Army Reserves 318th Psychological Operations Company arrived in Kuwait on March 19, 2003, in preparation for the push northward into Iraq to topple the government of tyrant Saddam Hussein; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Kevin Hanebrink and his comrades were directed to Camp New York and assigned to battalions with the 101st Airborne Division; and

Whereas, once the battle for Iraq began, Staff Sergeant Kevin Hanebrink moved with the 101st Airborne as its soldiers followed the heavily armored 3rd Infantry Division through the countryside, went without sleep for days and without showers for weeks, destroyed ordnance, and made their way to Baghdad; and

Whereas, during his nearly one year in Iraq, Staff Sergeant Kevin Hanebrink worked with local civilians, met with area families, and successfully sought to win the hearts and minds of Iraqis throughout the country by publishing flyers and newspapers and by using broadcasts and interpreters to convey a positive message of hope and democracy; and

Whereas, the recipient of a Bronze Star, Staff Sergeant Kevin Hanebrink returned to Fort Bragg on March 10, 2004, before finally arriving home in Warrenton to transition into civilian life once again:

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 Kevin Hanebrink and to convey to him this legislative body's warmest welcome and best wishes upon his return to the state of Missouri from the battlefields of Iraq; 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 presentation to Kevin Hanebrink of Warrenton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Sutherland
District No. 99

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. 2499, adopted May 3, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker