

House Resolution No. 3867

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably have answered the patriotic call to national service through enlistment in any of the various branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, the officers and soldiers of the 1138th Engineer Company based in Farmington and Fredericktown have returned from a year-long deployment to Iraq that began in July 2007 with premobilization training at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, at the time of the 1138th Engineer Company's call to active duty, many of its members were already serving in deployment to Guatemala; and

Whereas, after arriving in Iraq, members of the 1138th Engineering Company (Sapper) served alongside other units of the 1140th Engineer Battalion to perform combat missions supporting Operation Iraq Freedom; and

Whereas, tasked with route clearance operations during the unit's second Iraq deployment, the officers and soldiers of the 1138th Engineering Company conducted 535 combat missions, cleared more than 29,000 kilometers of roadway, investigated more than 1,700 reports of possible explosive devices, and destroyed 102 confirmed Improvised Explosive Devices; and

Whereas, the 1138th Engineering Company lost two personnel who made the ultimate personal sacrifice during deployment: Sergeant Matthew Straughter of Belleville, Illinois, and Staff Sergeant Bradley Skelton of Gordonville, Missouri; and

Whereas, the highly professional work of the 1138th Engineering Company helped ensure the safety of coalition forces and Iraqi civilians while traveling the roads of Baghdad; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to convey a warm "Welcome Home" to the officers and soldiers of the 1138th Engineering Company upon their return to Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the officers and soldiers of the 1138th Engineering Company and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon their return to Missouri from assignment with Operation Iraq Freedom; 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 in honor of the 1138th Engineer Company.

Offered by _____

Representative Steven Tilley
District No. 106

Representative Tim Meadows
District No. 101

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3867, adopted August 11, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker