

House Resolution 818

By: Representatives Williams of the 168th, DeLoach of the 167th, and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Command Sergeant Major Brandon B. Rudder for his
2 exceptional military career; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Brandon B. Rudder has valiantly and courageously
7 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army since
8 entering service on May 3, 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, CSM Rudder, a native of Columbus, Ohio, began his distinguished military
10 career with One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and has since served in
11 numerous capacities such as forward observer, company and battalion fire support NCO,
12 regimental targeting NCO, and joint terminal attack controller (JTAC); and

13 WHEREAS, CSM Rudder's leadership roles have extended to JTAC
14 instructor/examiner/program manager, platoon sergeant, first sergeant, division fires
15 operations sergeant major, and battalion command sergeant major; and

16 WHEREAS, his assignments have spanned such distinguished units as the 3rd Ranger
17 Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; 75th Ranger Regiment Headquarters; and multiple
18 battalions within the 101st Airborne Division; and

19 WHEREAS, CSM Rudder has honorably deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of
20 many combat operations and completed a rotation in support of Operation European Assure,
21 Deter, and Reinforce; and

22 WHEREAS, CSM Rudder's awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal,
23 Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and numerous others, along
24 with his receipt of the Order of Saint Barbara, signify his exceptional service and dedication
25 to his country; and

26 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
27 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
28 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be appropriately
29 recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Command Sergeant Major Brandon B.
32 Rudder for his effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to this nation as well as extend the
33 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Command Sergeant Major Brandon B. Rudder.