

Senate Resolution 364

By: Senator Burns of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 319th Transportation Company of the Central Savannah
2 River Area; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1968, out of the 42 units activated during the Vietnam War, the 319th
4 Transportation Company of the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) was one of the 35
5 units that were actually deployed; and

6 WHEREAS, the young men of this company left behind their fiancées, brides, pregnant
7 wives, children, mothers, fathers, and other family members to fulfill their commitment to
8 this country and serve as guardians of the freedom and liberty we enjoy as its citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, during their training in Virginia, the company was changed from a light truck
10 unit to a medium truck unit, and upon being sent to Vietnam, they were attached to the 48th
11 Transportation Battalion; and

12 WHEREAS, the company was joined by other civilian and military personnel from across
13 the country and different branches of service, including the young Captain Paul D. Troxler,
14 whose impact on the company was exemplified by the change in its name to "Troxler's
15 Truckers"; and

16 WHEREAS, after settling into their base camp in Long Binh, the unit changed its name again
17 to "Troxler's Truckers - Smoke Bringers" after then-First Sergeant Grady Shoemaker, who
18 was known by the company as the "smoke bringer"; and

19 WHEREAS, while in service in Vietnam, the company hauled tons of ammunition, rations,
20 and other supplies to many different divisions and covered more than 1.1 million miles,
21 earning a meritorious unit citation as well as numerous individual awards; and

22 WHEREAS, these young men returned to the United States in August 1969 after going
23 through an experience that bonded them for life to other members of their unit, and through
24 the years, they have continued to serve their community in various other capacities; and

25 WHEREAS, they are distinguished individuals of magnanimous strengths with
26 unimpeachable reputations for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding service of these
28 remarkable and distinguished gentlemen be appropriately honored.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend the veterans of the 319th Transportation Company of the Central
31 Savannah River Area for their service during the Vietnam War and extend sincere best
32 wishes for future health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the veterans of the
35 319th Transportation Company of the Central Savannah River Area.