

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
 MONTANA RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF MONTANANS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
 UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, all Americans have the right, by virtue of wearing the noble title of citizen, to great personal
 freedoms in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness; and

WHEREAS, the history of our young country demonstrates countless examples of bravery and personal
 sacrifice in order to preserve the freedoms and liberties of the collective citizenry; and

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, the nation has once again called upon those who have dedicated
 their lives to the defense of the nation to stand up against forces that wish ill upon the United States; and

WHEREAS, Montanans have always answered the call to defend the nation, and Montanans will continue
 to serve and lead in the global war on terror; and

WHEREAS, Montanans serving in every branch of service, both on active duty and in the National Guard
 and Reserves, have been deployed in the global war on terror at great personal sacrifice to themselves and their
 families; and

WHEREAS, a number of Montanans have made the ultimate sacrifice in Operation Enduring Freedom
 and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, we as Montanans will continue to support these heroes as they return home to face the
 challenge of rejoining family, friends, and community.



1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 STATE OF MONTANA:

3 That the Montana Legislature recognize the dedication, professionalism, and bravery of all Montanans
4 who have served and will serve in the armed forces of the United States as part of the global war on terror.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Montana
6 Congressional Delegation, the respective Secretaries of the United States Army, Navy, and Air Force, the
7 Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and the
8 Adjutant General of the Montana National Guard.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State, ~~in coordination with the Montana Department~~
10 ~~of Military Affairs, be encouraged to promote this resolution by encouraging the family members and friends of~~
11 ~~Montana's active duty military service members to contact the Department with the names and mailing addresses~~
12 ~~of the services members so that the Department may send a copy of this resolution to each Montana service~~
13 ~~member.~~ INCLUDE WITH THE COPIES SENT TO THE RESPECTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE, THE
14 COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, AND
15 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD A REQUEST THAT THE RESPECTIVE SECRETARIES AND
16 COMMANDANTS AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL USE EVERY MEANS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION
17 TO EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO HAILS FROM MONTANA.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose and intent of this resolution is to convey to Montana
19 service personnel that the heartfelt thanks of all Montanans are extended to them, that we are proud of them, that
20 they are in our prayers, and that we send them best wishes for a safe return.

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