## S. RES. 253

Designating October 26, 2011, as "Day of the Deployed".

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. Hoeven submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## RESOLUTION

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- Whereas more than 2,250,000 people serve as members of the United States Armed Forces;
- Whereas several hundred thousand members of the Armed Forces rotate each year through deployments to 150 countries in every region of the world;
- Whereas more than 2,200,000 members of the Armed Forces have deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;
- Whereas the United States is kept strong and free by the loyal people who protect our precious heritage through their positive declaration and actions;
- Whereas the deployed members of the Armed Forces serving at home and abroad have courageously answered the call

to duty to defend the ideals of the United States and to preserve peace and freedom around the world;

- Whereas members of the Armed Forces and veterans personify the virtues of patriotism, service, duty, courage, and sacrifice;
- Whereas the families of members of the Armed Forces make important and significant sacrifices for the United States;
- Whereas North Dakota began honoring the members of the Armed Forces and their families by designating October 26 as "Day of the Deployed" in 2006; and
- Whereas 40 States designated October 26, 2010, as "Day of the Deployed": Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 Resolved, That the Senate—
  - 2 (1) honors the members of the United States
  - 3 Armed Forces who are deployed at home and
  - 4 abroad;
  - 5 (2) calls on the people of the United States to
  - 6 reflect on the service of those members of the United
  - 7 States Armed Forces, wherever they serve, both now
  - 8 and in the future;
  - 9 (3) designates October 26, 2011, as "Day of
- the Deployed"; and
- 11 (4) encourages the people of the United States
- to observe "Day of the Deployed" with appropriate
- ceremonies and activities.