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S. RES. 430

Commending the members of the 45th Agri-Business Development Team of the Oklahoma National Guard, for their efforts to modernize agriculture and sustainable farming practices in Afghanistan and their dedication and service to the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2010

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Commending the members of the 45th Agri-Business Development Team of the Oklahoma National Guard, for their efforts to modernize agriculture and sustainable farming practices in Afghanistan and their dedication and service to the United States.

Whereas members of the 1–45th Agri-Business Development Team (ADT) took control of the ADT mission in the Paktya and Paktika provinces of eastern Afghanistan from the 1–16th ADT from the Tennessee National Guard on December 21, 2009, and members of the 2–45th ADT are planned to take over their mission in the summer of 2010;

Whereas the members of the ADT of the Oklahoma National Guard are experts in civilian agriculture practices and

will provide important resources to the Afghan population in fostering sustainable agriculture practices, improving food production and processing, providing secure storage facilities and controlled temperature facilities, and ensuring secure and legal economic growth;

Whereas the International Agricultural Program at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, has provided valuable training for the 45th ADT pre-deployment and has provided a valuable educational research tool for Guardsmen and women deployed to Afghanistan;

Whereas agriculture accounts for 45 percent of the gross domestic product of Afghanistan and over 80 percent of the population of Afghanistan is engaged in farming and agriculture;

Whereas the 45th ADT works closely with the Provincial Director of Agriculture in Afghanistan to ensure farmers and ranchers in Afghanistan are receiving valuable assistance in rebuilding and restoring the agricultural economy of Afghanistan; and

Whereas the ADTs partner with the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide inter-agency support to farmers in Afghanistan and are critical to the overall success to the mission in Afghanistan: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate commends the members of
 2 the 45th Agri-Business Development Team of the Okla-
 3 homa National Guard, for—

4 (1) their efforts to modernize agriculture and
 5 sustainable farming practices in Afghanistan; and

1 (2) their dedication and service to the United
2 States.

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