

**No. R-274. House concurrent resolution honoring the public service of Vermont National Guard members being deployed in Operation Phoenix.**

(H.C.R.184)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, in January 2010, 1,210 Vermonters who are members of the Vermont National Guard will be deployed to Afghanistan as part of Task Force Phoenix, and

Whereas, these Vermonters reside in numerous cities, towns, and villages across the state from Alburgh to Woodford, representing every county in the Green Mountain State, and

Whereas, they are being deployed as part of the Vermont Brigade which also includes members from neighboring states, and

Whereas, they will be confronting potentially life-threatening situations during their overseas military service, and

Whereas, among the Vermonters being deployed in the Vermont Brigade are Capitol Police Chief Leslie Dimick who will be serving his nation abroad for the second time in recent years and Alan Bean, a state house custodian, and

Whereas, all of these men and women are being deployed under challenging circumstances, and their commitment and dedication to serving in our nation's armed forces deserve the commendation and respect of all Vermonters, and

Whereas, many Vermont employers will be struggling without the presence of valued employees who are being deployed, and

Whereas, these Vermont National Guard members' extended absence from their homes and loved ones will be foremost on the minds of the members of the general assembly and the citizens of our state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly salutes the men and women of the Vermont Brigade being deployed to Afghanistan in the coming weeks and expresses its most sincere wishes for their safe and speedy return to their families, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Adjutant General Michael Dubie at Vermont National Guard headquarters at Camp Johnson in Colchester.