

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 382

Recognizing and commending the personnel of the 49th Armored Division of the Texas Army National Guard for their participation and efforts in providing leadership and command and control of the United States sector of the Multinational Stabilization Force in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 24 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending the personnel of the 49th Armored Division of the Texas Army National Guard for their participation and efforts in providing leadership and command and control of the United States sector of the Multinational Stabilization Force in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Whereas the personnel of the 49th Armored Division, Texas Army National Guard, provided command and control of Regular Army forces and an 11-nation multinational force in the American sector of Bosnia-Herzegovina from March 7, 2000, through October 4, 2000;

Whereas the presence of the soldiers of the 49th Armored Division prolonged nearly five years of peace among ethnic Serbs, Croats, and Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Whereas the historic deployment of elements of the 49th Armored Division marked the first time that the commander of an Army National Guard unit commanded Regular Army troops and multinational troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Whereas the deployment marked the first time since the Korean War that an Army National Guard division provided command and control of Regular Army forces participating in operations overseas;

Whereas a majority of the members of the 49th Armored Division who served in Bosnia-Herzegovina volunteered for the deployment that necessitated leaving their families and their civilian jobs for eight months in order to maintain peace and stability in Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Whereas the soldiers of the 49th Armored Division were able to combine unique civilian occupational backgrounds and experience with their military skills to bring about unprecedented levels of reconstruction of destroyed homes and the resettlement of refugees;

Whereas the soldiers of the 49th Armored Division in the troubled Balkans achieved the highest level of safety demonstrated thus far in the performance of that mission, with division personnel compiling an impressive record of driving over 600,000 miles, conducting over 17,000 patrols and clearing 85 square miles of mine fields without serious injury or accident;

Whereas the 49th Armored Division's tour of duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina serves as a model for the integration of

Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard forces in the performance of Army missions; and

Whereas the members of the 49th Armored Division involved in the mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina brought great credit upon themselves, the Army National Guard, the State of Texas, and the United States of America: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commends the men and women of the 49th  
3       Armored Division of the Texas Army National  
4       Guard for their contributions to the unqualified suc-  
5       cess of the Multinational Stabilization Force in Bos-  
6       nia-Herzegovina during the period of their deploy-  
7       ment;

8               (2) recognizes that the efforts of the men and  
9       women of the 49th Armored Division contributed  
10      immeasurably to the success of the peacekeeping in  
11      Bosnia-Herzegovina mission; and

12              (3) expresses deep gratitude for the sacrifices  
13      made by those men and women, their families, and  
14      their civilian employers in support of United States  
15      peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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