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H. RES. 1605

Recognizing the service of the medical and air crews in helping our wounded warriors make the expeditious and safe trip home to the United States and commending the personnel of the Air Force for their commitment to the well-being of all our service men and women.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. McKEON, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. REYES, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. ANDREWS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. GIFFORDS, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. JONES, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. DJOU, Mr. CARTER, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. HARE, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. BACA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the service of the medical and air crews in helping our wounded warriors make the expeditious and safe trip home to the United States and commending the personnel of the Air Force for their commitment to the well-being of all our service men and women.

Whereas aeromedical evacuation missions provide support for all of the Armed Forces;

Whereas, since September 11, 2001, the aeromedical evacuation system has moved over 74,000 patients, including almost 14,000 battle-injured soldiers;

Whereas troops wounded in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom reach United States military hospitals in 30 hours on average;

Whereas the majority of patients are normally flown to Ramstein Air Base in Germany, and then to appropriate care facilities in the United States;

Whereas our wounded troops arrive at United States hospitals in an average of 3 days;

Whereas now troops wounded in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom arrive at United States hospitals on average 7 days faster than they did during Operation Desert Storm and over 40 days faster than during the Vietnam conflict;

Whereas yielding a survival rate of 98 percent for wounded service members by adopting a new strategy of rapid evacuation from the battlefield, critical care air transport teams provide care that has resulted in the lowest mortality rate of any war in United States history;

Whereas aeromedical evacuation is a Total Force effort which includes Active Duty, Reserve, and Air National Guard members;

Whereas there are 18 Air Force Reserve squadrons, 10 National Guard squadrons, and 4 Active Duty squadrons;

Whereas the Air Force has up to 245 aeromedical evacuation personnel deployed to Afghanistan, to Iraq, and in the United States as part of the team providing care and helping ensure wounded soldiers get safely home to their families;

Whereas a normal aeromedical evacuation crew is composed of 2 flight nurses and 3 technicians;

Whereas a critical care air transport team augments an aeromedical evacuation crew when required that is composed of a critical care physician, critical care nurse, and a respiratory technician; and

Whereas Air Mobility Command plays a crucial role in providing humanitarian support at home and around the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

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3 crews in helping our wounded warriors make the ex-
4 peditious and safe trip home to the United States;
5 and

6 (2) commends the personnel of the Air Force
7 for their commitment to the well-being of all our
8 service men and women.

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