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Commending the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Arkansas National Guard upon its completion of a second deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31, 2009

Mr. PRYOR submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, known as the Bowie Brigade, of the Arkansas National Guard is headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, and is made up of some 3,200 selfless, brave, and dedicated Arkansans from all 4 congressional districts and every major city of the State;

Whereas the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team has a distinguished history of service to the United States, beginning with World War I and continuing through the Hurricane Katrina relief and recovery efforts;

Whereas the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team was most recently mobilized in January 2008, and departed for Iraq in March 2008, becoming the first National Guard Brigade Combat Team to be recalled and deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas, while deployed, the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team logged more than 2,000,000 convoy security miles;

Whereas, while deployed, the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team searched more than 2,000,000 vehicles at entry control points;

Whereas the 39th Infantry Brigade lost no members in combat and suffered only 2 casualties, not related to combat;

Whereas the members of the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team are now returning to Arkansas to their proud families and to an appreciative and admiring Nation;

Whereas the strength and unflinching support of the families of the members of the 39th Brigade Combat Team have made the United States as strong as it is today; and

Whereas the 39th Brigade Combat Team has served with courage, compassion, and selflessness, and earned the respect, not only of Arkansans, but of all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) commends the members of the 39th Brigade
4 Combat Team of the Arkansas National Guard for
5 their exemplary service to the United States and the
6 completion of their second deployment in support of
7 Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

1 (2) recognizes the service and sacrifice of the
2 39th Brigade Combat Team members and their fam-
3 ilies.

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