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Commending the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division upon its completion of a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Commending the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division upon its completion of a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Whereas the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, known as the “Arctic Wolves”, is headquartered in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and is made up of approximately 4,300 selfless, brave, and dedicated soldiers;

Whereas the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division has a distinguished history of service to the United States, beginning with World War I and continuing through Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division most recently departed for Afghanistan in April 2011, following 2 deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas, while deployed in Afghanistan, the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division conducted more than 60 named operations in Zabul Province and Southern Kandahar Province;

Whereas, while deployed in Afghanistan, the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division conducted more than 7,500 patrols;

Whereas, while deployed in Afghanistan, the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division cleared more than 600 improvised explosive devices and more than 9,300 pounds of explosives;

Whereas 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division members Specialist James R. Burnett, Jr., Private Danny Chen, Private First Class Matthew C. Colin, Specialist Ryan J. Cook, Private First Class Douglas L. Cordo, First Sergeant Kenneth B. Elwell, Specialist Douglas J. Green, Private First Class Ryan J. Larson, Specialist Christophe Jean Claude Marquis, Sergeant First Class Johnathan B. McCain, Specialist Bradley L. Melton, Private First Class Brandon S. Mullins, Private First Class Dustin P. Napier, Specialist Calvin M. Pereda, Private First Class Cheizray Pressley, Sergeant Rodolfo Rodriguez, Jr., Sergeant Timothy D. Sayne, Sergeant Jeffrey C.S. Sherer, Private First Class Tyler M. Springmann, Private Lamarol J. Tucker, and Private First Class Brett E. Wood gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country in support of the mission in Afghanistan;

Whereas the members of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division are now returning to Alaska to their proud families and to an appreciative and admiring country;

Whereas the strength and unflinching support of the families of the members of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division have made the United States as strong as it is today; and

Whereas the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division has served with courage, compassion, and selflessness, and has earned the respect of not only Alaskans, but of all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the members of the 1st Stryker
3 Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division for
4 their exemplary service to the United States and the
5 completion of their first deployment in support of
6 Operation Enduring Freedom; and

7 (2) recognizes the service and sacrifice of the
8 members of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team,
9 25th Infantry Division and their families.

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