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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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2 BY WHITAKER, WISE, HEATON, GREINER, GASKILL, SANDS,
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4 D. TAYLOR, WATTS, BAUDLER, SHOMSHOR, REASONER,
5 DOLECHECK, KURTENBACH, DANDEKAR, BOAL, HEDDENS,
6 GRANZOW, STRUYK, LUKAN, REICHERT, HUSEMAN, HUNTER,
7 PETTENGILL, TYMESON, BERRY, EICHHORN, KRESSIG,
8 DAVITT, MURPHY, D. OLSON, BUKTA, PETERSEN, JACOBY,
9 and TJEPKES

10 A Resolution to honor the 224th Engineering Battalion
11 of the Iowa National Guard for its service and
12 sacrifice in the Iraq War.

13 WHEREAS, the 224th Engineering Battalion of the
14 Iowa National Guard is based in Fairfield and has
15 units in Burlington, Keokuk, Mount Pleasant, and
16 Ottumwa; and

17 WHEREAS, about 500 soldiers of the 224th have
18 returned to Iowa after a year on duty in Iraq; and

19 WHEREAS, to date that contingent of the 224th is
20 the largest Iowa group which has returned from Iraq;
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22 WHEREAS, the work of the 224th was long, hard, and
23 dangerous, including finding and disarming the so-
24 called "improvised explosive devices"; and

25 WHEREAS, that deadly work has saved countless lives
26 and earned the 224th the respect and gratitude of
27 soldiers throughout Iraq; and

28 WHEREAS, during that service four members of the
29 224th were killed and 30 members were wounded; NOW
30 THEREFORE,

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H.R. _____ S.R. _____

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 That the House of Representatives thanks the soldiers
3 of the 224th Engineering Battalion of the Iowa
4 National Guard for their service in Iraq; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
6 Representatives honors the memory of Specialist Casey
7 Byers, Specialist Seth Garceau, 2nd Lieutenant Richard
8 B. "Brian" Gienau, and Specialist John W. Miller, who
9 gave their lives in service to their country and to
10 the cause of freedom.

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