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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 167

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2 BY CHAMBERS, KAUFMANN, HUTTER, LALK, HOGG, WATTS,
3 HORBACH, BAUDLER, SWAIM, MAY, WILDERDYKE, ROBERTS,
4 DANDEKAR, PETTENGILL, TYMESON, ALONS, FREEMAN,
5 WENDT, JACOBY, MURPHY, DE BOEF, SODERBERG, MADDOX,
6 HEDDENS, ARNOLD, RASMUSSEN, PAULSEN, GASKILL,
7 SANDS, TOMENGA, UPMEYER, REICHERT, JONES, HUSEMAN,
8 and SCHICKEL

9 A Resolution honoring the Iowa Army National Guard's 2168th
10 Transportation Company for its service in support of the
11 Global War on Terrorism.

12 WHEREAS, the 2168th Transportation Company of the
13 Iowa Army National Guard was called to active duty on
14 July 18, 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2168th was comprised of a headquarters
16 and two platoons in Sheldon and a detachment in Cedar
17 Rapids; and

18 WHEREAS, the company included 91 soldiers from
19 Sheldon, 35 from Cedar Rapids, 23 from Mason City, 12
20 from Muscatine, and nine from Centerville, with 10
21 soldiers deploying for their second tour; and

22 WHEREAS, the 2168th arrived in Kuwait on October
23 14, 2004, at their duty station, Camp Arifjan, its
24 mission consisting of transporting equipment essential
25 to deploying and redeploying units; and

26 WHEREAS, the 2168th Transportation Company drove
27 over 300 missions to many key locations in Kuwait and
28 Iraq; and

29 WHEREAS, the 2168th logged over 6,233,205 miles
30 throughout the deployment and is credited with

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1 delivering 15,508 pieces of equipment to the
2 appropriate destinations; and

3 WHEREAS, the 2168th served with military and
4 civilian personnel from many countries, striving to
5 overcome language barriers to accomplish its missions;
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7 WHEREAS, while transporting equipment, 2168th
8 personnel encountered efforts from the enemy to
9 disrupt its mission, such as small arms fire,
10 improvised explosive devices, and rocket propelled
11 grenades, and despite those efforts, the 2168th sent
12 only one soldier home due to injuries sustained from
13 enemy contact; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2168th Transportation Company's
15 mission complete date was October 6, 2005, with the
16 unit leaving Kuwait on October 11, 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2168th was decorated with many awards,
18 consisting of five Purple Hearts, six Bronze Stars, 18
19 Meritorious Service Medals, 105 Army Commendation
20 Medals, 27 Army Achievement Medals, 74 Driver Badges,
21 and nine Mechanic Badges; NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
23 That the House of Representatives expresses its
24 profound gratitude, on behalf of all Iowans, to the
25 men and women of the 2168th Transportation Company for
26 their steadfast dedication, excellence in performing
27 their duty, and personal sacrifice.

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