

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the members of Renegade Troop for their patriotic service.

WHEREAS, after the September 11, 2001, attacks, Renegade Troop left their families and friends to answer the call to come forth in defense of our nation; the Renegade Troop members came from all over the country to Fort Johnson in Leesville, Louisiana, to prepare for engaging the enemy; the troop, comprised of eight UH-60 Lima Blackhawk helicopters, trained themselves constantly under the mantra "always ready"; Renegade Troop will reassemble in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in March 2024 to recognize the twentieth anniversary of their tour; and

WHEREAS, Renegade Troop was part of 4th Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, which conducted combat operations for sixteen months as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Renegade Troop deployed to Iraq from March 2003 to July 2004; and

WHEREAS, Renegade Troop flew from Red Catcher Army Airfield in Baghdad, Iraq; Blair Army Airfield Field in Al-Kut, Iraq; and in support of the fight to defeat the Madhi Army led by Moqtada Al-Sadr in An-Najaf, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Renegade Troop flew air movement, internal and external loads, and commanded and controlled multi-echelon combined arms operations in support of 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Armored Division, and 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment for a total of over ten thousand combat flight hours; and

WHEREAS, Renegade Troop flew over eight thousand passengers and moved over one hundred and fifty tons of cargo; and

WHEREAS, Renegade Troop flew quick reaction force operations, combat air missions, and multiple casualty evacuation missions after the bombing of the United Nations building in Baghdad on August 19, 2003; Renegade Troop also flew a successful combat search and rescue mission that retrieved two downed pilots after their helicopter crashed in hostile territory on April 26, 2004; and

WHEREAS, this nation owes its existence to those who have been willing to defend its principles, and the members of Renegade Troop are worthy of highest commendation for their honorable service and sacrifice.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members of Renegade Troop for their patriotic service.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES