

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1143

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Staff Sergeant LaWanda Lollar, Tennessee National Guard, for her service in Iraq.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, one such gallant individual is LaWanda Lollar of Nashville, who has committed herself to military service on behalf of the United States of America as a distinguished member of the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, holding the rank of Staff Sergeant, Ms. Lollar, who is a respected member of this legislative family, departed her homeland in November 2010 to fulfill the duties of a one-year deployment to the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, stationed in Baghdad, Iraq, Staff Sergeant Lollar has served in furtherance of the purposes of Operation New Dawn, as Allied Forces endeavor now to maintain the freedom and liberties gained for the Iraqi people over the past decade during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great fortitude and incredible courage, Staff Sergeant Lollar is assigned to Unit 1129th FM DET (WP9XAA), and she served admirably and honorably from her post at Camp Liberty nearby the capitol city of Iraq; and

WHEREAS, a well trained, highly disciplined, and strongly convicted soldier, Staff Sergeant Lollar is a shining example of military prowess, and she simply can not be deterred from excellence in the performance of her assigned duties; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep gratitude and profound pride that this legislative body welcomes Staff Sergeant LaWanda Lollar home from her tour of duty in Iraq, thanking her for standing in our stead in that far away country to preserve and promote liberty and justice for all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby express our deepest appreciation to Staff Sergeant LaWanda Lollar for her service in the Tennessee National Guard, welcome her back to her homeland and State, and extend to her our most sincere best wishes for success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.