

State of Misconsin 2009 - 2010 LEGISLATURE

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 108

February 10, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives MURTHA, SUDER, DEXTER, RHOADES, HUEBSCH, HUBLER and DANOU, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF, KREITLOW, VINEHOUT, JAUCH and KAPANKE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

| 1 | Relating to: commending the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 32nd Brigade, 1st |
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| 2 | Battalion, 128th Infantry, for receiving the Walter T. Kerwin Jr. Award. |
| 3 | Whereas, the Eau Claire-based 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry has received the |
| 4 | Walter T. Kerwin Jr. Award for Readiness and Training as the outstanding National |
| 5 | Guard unit for 2009; and |
| 6 | Whereas, the Kerwin Award is named for Gen. Walter T. "Dutch" Kerwin Jr., |
| 7 | a former Army vice chief of staff who was the first commander of U.S. Army Forces |
| 8 | Command (FORSCOM) when it was established in 1976 and charged with ensuring |
| 9 | the readiness and training of all Army units-active, Guard and reserve-in the |
| 10 | United States; and |
| 11 | Whereas, the award signifies that the battalion is the best in the nation in terms |
| 12 | of combat readiness and training; and |
| 13 | Whereas; the award was presented in October 2009 at the annual meeting of |
| 14 | the Association of the United States Army in Washington, D.C.; and |

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| Whereas, 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry is headquartered in Eau Claire and |
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| includes Detachment 1 of the Headquarters Company in Abbotsford; Company A in |
| Menomonie; Company B in New Richmond and Detachment 1 of Company B in Rice |
| Lake; Company C in Arcadia and Detachment 1 of Company C in Onalaska; and |
| Company D in River Falls; and |
| Whereas, 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry is currently serving in Iraq as part of |
| a one-year mobilization that began in February of this year; and |
| Whereas, the battalion has about 600 soldiers assigned to units presently |
| operating in Iraq at forward operating bases Future, Cropper, and Liberty near the |
| Baghdad International Airport, and at Ashraf; and |
| Whereas, the battalion's missions are expected to be completed in January |
| 2010; now, therefore, be it |
| Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature |
| commends the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 32nd Brigade, 1st Battalion, 128th |
| Infantry, for receiving the Walter T. Kerwin Jr. Award. |
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