

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1842

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Captain Mark D. Nutsch.

WHEREAS, Mark D. Nutsch of Alma is a captain in the United States Army and as a member of the Army Special Forces was heavily involved in the recent fighting in Afghanistan. He has been described by the commander of the Army Special Forces, Major General Geoffrey C. Lambert, who is also a Kansan, as “one of my most distinguished warriors in Afghanistan. His accomplishments are legendary. From cavalry charges to being the first to gain control of John Walker Lindh, Mark did it all”; and

WHEREAS, Captain Nutsch led his twelve-man “A”-Team deep behind enemy lines into northern Afghanistan with a charter to help the Northern Alliance plan and coordinate a campaign to seize the key Afghan city of Mazar-e Sharif; and

WHEREAS, Captain Nutsch and his men, under the threat of artillery fire and mines, traveled primarily on horseback 10 - 30 kilometers a day, meeting with Northern Alliance commanders and troops to plan the campaign and to call for air-dropped supplies to equip the Afghan warriors for intensive combat. Once the offensive began, Captain Nutsch’s team broke into three-man groups to advise the Afghan commanders and to call in precision fires. The “A”-Team was instrumental in the liberation of over 50 towns and cities; for the destruction of hundreds of Taliban vehicles, bunkers and heavy equipment; and the surrender, capture or destruction of thousands of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda; and

WHEREAS, The ranking Afghan General to work with Captain Nutsch and his men has been quoted as saying, “I now have a friend, Captain Mark Nutsch. I feel he is my brother. He is so sincere; whenever I see him, I feel joy. I asked for a few Americans. They brought with them the courage of a whole Army”: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Captain Nutsch for the valor of his daring deeds under the most strenuous, difficult conditions, for his success in accomplishment of his assigned mission and for the honor he brings to his family and state, as well as to the United States Army and our nation; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Major General Geoffrey C. Lambert and to Captain Mark Nutsch, both addressed to Headquarters, United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28310-5200.

Senate Resolution No. 1842 was sponsored by Senators Kerr, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O’Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*