

## Senate Resolution 766

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Dugan of the 30th, Payne of the 54th, Rhett of the 33rd, Hill of the 4th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the valiant service of the Special Forces soldiers who were sent  
2 to Afghanistan in the immediate aftermath of September 11; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a 12 man team of Special Forces soldiers from Fort Campbell belonging to  
4 Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) 594 and ODA 595 were sent to Afghanistan  
5 immediately following the attacks on September 11, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, these valiant soldiers, known as the Green Berets, were given a two-part  
7 mission: to work together with the Afghan Northern Alliance and to destroy the Taliban  
8 regime; and

9 WHEREAS, these Special Forces soldiers worked together alongside members of the Afghan  
10 Northern Alliance to hunt down those behind the September 11 attacks and to bring them to  
11 justice; and

12 WHEREAS, they were faced with unconventional warfare and with enormous operational  
13 challenges such as the necessity to rapidly adapt twenty-first century combat technologies  
14 and tactics into age-old Central Asian models of guerilla and tribal warfare, as well as a lack  
15 of body armor and transportation; and

16 WHEREAS, the soldiers were provided with horses via the Afghan Northern Alliance to aid  
17 them in navigating the Central Asian terrain, leading to their being dubbed "Horse Soldiers";  
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19 WHEREAS, with this appropriate means of transportation in their possession, the Horse  
20 Soldiers successfully achieved, in weeks, what was originally speculated to take months or  
21 even years; and

22 WHEREAS, the Horse Soldiers ultimately defeated the Taliban and pushed the surviving  
23 members of Al-Qaeda into the mountains of Pakistan; and

24 WHEREAS, the Horse Soldiers brought along several pieces of steel that they had recovered  
25 from the rubble of the World Trade Center, and in honor of the lives that were cut short by  
26 the attacks on 9/11, they buried the pieces, along with properly folded American flags, at  
27 each location that they had completed a mission; and

28 WHEREAS, these burial ceremonies conducted by the Horse Soldiers would forever bond  
29 them to the New York City First Responders; and

30 WHEREAS, "12 Strong" is a movie adaptation of the true stories of these soldiers and serves  
31 to honor the valor with which they served the United States of America at a time of  
32 immeasurable fear and grief.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 recognize and honor the valiant service of the Special Forces soldiers who were sent to  
35 Afghanistan in the immediate aftermath of September 11.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
38 press.