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Dear Colleague:

I write to ask your support for S. Res. 253, a resolution I have introduced designating October 26, 2011 as the "Day of the Deployed." This resolution, which builds on the efforts of 40 states last year, underscores the sacrifices of the members of our Armed Forces and their family members – regardless of where they serve.

Soldiers' Angels is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting deployed American military personnel and their families around the world and here at home. The organization, whose motto is "May no soldier go unloved," provides care packages to deployed troops, computers for wounded warriors, and a wide variety of assistance for military families among several other projects.

Five years ago, while I was serving as Governor of North Dakota, I was approached by Soldiers' Angels about a way to recognize the sacrifices service members and their families make when someone is deployed. We proclaimed October 26 as "Day of the Deployed" every year from 2006 through 2010 as a day of honor for the deployed troops of North Dakota and their families. Other states joined in, and last year, 40 states proclaimed a "Day of the Deployed."

S. Res. 253 would allow the Senate to recognize this important day across the nation and encourage Americans to reflect on the sacrifices of those who are deployed around the world. I hope that you will co-sponsor this resolution and help proclaim October 26 as a national "Day of the Deployed." Please contact Josh Carter of my staff at 202-224-0015 with questions or to cosponsor the resolution.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator