

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 85

Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

WHEREAS, the third annual Animals in War & Peace Medal Ceremony, which recognizes and honors unsung United States animal heroes for their accomplishments in both war and peace, took place on March 8, 2023, at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Military Working Dog Paco P352, a Belgian Malinois, received the Animals in War & Peace Medal of Bravery and Distinguished Service Medal for his service for the United States Army in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Paco was deployed in October 2012 in support of Operation Detachment Alpha/Special Operations Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Paco led the unit during night raids on villages in extremely hostile territories, positively identified thirty-three IEDs during different missions, and likely saved the lives of one hundred twenty soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Paco was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded with shrapnel but returned to duty after being treated for injuries and, upon his return, Paco led a convoy of thirty trucks twenty miles during an evacuation that was constantly fired upon with small arms and rocket propelled grenades; and

WHEREAS, Paco served side-by-side with his military working dog handler Staff Sergeant Brad Mrsny from 2009 through 2017;

WHEREAS, Paco now lives with Brad, his wife Brittany, and their two daughters Braelynn and Blakely in Gretna, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Legislature to recognize and honor the veterans of the United States military.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature thanks Military Working Dog Paco P352 and his military working dog handler Staff Sergeant Brad Mrsny for their service to the United States in the United States Army.

2. That the Legislature congratulates Paco on receiving the Animals in War & Peace Medal of Bravery and Distinguished Service Medal.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Staff Sergeant Brad Mrsny and Paco.