

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 109

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Recognizes service of New Jersey Army and Air National Guard members who were mobilized to Washington D.C. after attack on United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** recognizing the New Jersey National
2 Guard’s service in response to the attack on the U.S. Capitol on
3 January 6, 2021.
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5 **WHEREAS**, On January 6, 2021 during a joint session of the 117th
6 United States Congress that convened to commence the Electoral
7 College count process, a “First Amendment demonstration” turned
8 into an attack on the United States Capitol and Capitol complex by
9 violent rioters protesting the results of the 2020 election; and
10 **WHEREAS**, The riot interrupted the joint session and led to the
11 adjournment of the Senate, the recess of the House of
12 Representatives, the evacuation of all members of Congress and
13 personnel, and the lockdown of the Capitol for several hours; and
14 **WHEREAS**, Officials immediately called up 1,100 members of the
15 District of Columbia National Guard and at the same time
16 reassigned the 340 District of Columbia National Guardsmen who
17 were already there and tasked with traffic control, metro crowd
18 control and logistics support for the “First Amendment
19 demonstration.” The new mission of the District of Columbia
20 National Guardsmen was to reinforce and support the D.C. Metro
21 Police and Capitol Hill Police; and
22 **WHEREAS**, The National Guardsmen and District of Columbia Metro
23 Police officers’ crowd control efforts enabled the Capitol Police and
24 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to secure Senators,
25 members of the House of Representatives, their staff, and all other
26 personnel and clear the building, including both chambers and the
27 members’ offices in the U.S. Capitol; and
28 **WHEREAS**, During the riot, the rioters vandalized, looted, and
29 destroyed Capitol property resulting in the injury of dozens of
30 Capitol and District of Columbia Metro police officers and the
31 death of five people, including four rioters and one United States
32 Capitol Police Officer and former New Jersey National Guard
33 Citizen-Airman Staff Sergeant Brian D.Sicknick; and
34 **WHEREAS**, By 7:15 pm, five hours after the riot commenced, both the
35 Senate and House of Representative Chambers were secure and
36 members returned and resumed the joint session; and
37 **WHEREAS**, That night, Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller
38 authorized up to 6,200 National Guard members from Maryland,
39 Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania to
40 join the District of Columbia National Guard to help secure the
41 events of the 56th inauguration and the peaceful transfer of power to
42 Joseph R. Biden, 46th President of the United States on January 20,
43 2021; and
44 **WHEREAS**, The next day, on January 7, 2021 upon the request of the
45 United States National Guard Bureau, Governor Murphy authorized
46 the deployment of the New Jersey National Guard to Washington,
47 D.C. to reinforce the District of Columbia National Guard and local
48 law enforcement, provide security, protect national monuments, and
49 secure the peaceful transition of power; and

1 **WHEREAS**, On Sunday, January 10, 2021 soldiers from the 1-114th
 2 Infantry Regiment, B Troop from the 102nd Calvary Regiment, and
 3 the 508th Military Company, as well as Airmen from the 108th Wing
 4 and 177th Fighter Wing arrived in support of the Capitol security
 5 mission; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey National Guard sent a total of 550
 7 National Guardsmen to Washington D.C., 500 before the
 8 inauguration and an additional 50 to support the inauguration; and

9 **WHEREAS**, In less than two weeks, a total of 25,000 National Guard
 10 members from every state and territory were mobilized to
 11 Washington, D.C. for the January 20, 2021 presidential
 12 inauguration; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Since the inauguration on January 20, 2021, 370 of the
 14 original 550 New Jersey National Guardsmen who were sent to
 15 Washington D.C. for the inauguration have returned; and

16 **WHEREAS**, There are 180 National Guardsmen that will remain in
 17 Washington D.C. through the middle of March and who will be
 18 reinforced by an additional 170 troops for a total presence of 350
 19 troops for continuing the mission of securing the monuments in
 20 Washington, D.C.; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Approximately 7,000 National Guard members from most
 22 states, including the 350 from New Jersey, will remain in
 23 Washington D.C. through the middle of March to provide security;
 24 now, therefore,

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26 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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28 1. This House recognizes, honors, and thanks the members of
 29 the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard for their dedication,
 30 service, and sacrifice to our State and our nation by responding
 31 immediately to the call to duty in the aftermath of the attack on the
 32 United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; for securing the United
 33 States Capitol in the days after the riots and during the inauguration
 34 of the 46th President of the United States; for dutifully safeguarding
 35 our nation's monuments; and for keeping the people of this State
 36 and of the United States safe.

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38 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
 39 shall be transmitted to the Governor and to Colonel Lisa J. Hou,
 40 D.O., Interim Adjutant General and Commissioner of the New
 41 Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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STATEMENT

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