

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RUTHERFORD COUNTY AND 101ST AIRBORNE
DIVISION AND 3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM**

WHEREAS, we gratefully acknowledge that we live in freedom today because of the many sacrifices that have been made and are being made today, by the valiant servicemen and women in the Armed Forces and their families; and

WHEREAS, the 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles) is the United States Army's only Air Assault Division whose high level of training, discipline and professionalism make the 101st Airborne Division the vanguard of America's land combat forces with five (5) Division Level deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan over the last fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, the 187th Infantry Regiment which serves as the 3rd Brigade Combat Team (nickname Rakkasans), is 4400 Soldiers strong and comprised of the 1st Battalion 187th Infantry, 3rd Battalion 187th Infantry, 2nd Battalion 506th Infantry, 1st Squadron 33rd Cavalry Regiment, 21st Brigade Engineer Battalion, 626th Brigade Support Battalion, is currently preparing and will soon conduct its 8th combat deployment to Southwest Asia; and

WHEREAS, since the attack on 9/11 over 630 Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy in our nation and our great community, 50 soldiers were from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, with literally thousands having been wounded in action with countless others bearing the invisible mental and emotional wounds of war; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for Rutherford County to extend its continuing support in partnership to honor the 3rd Brigade Combat Team and the 101st Airborne Division's many years of heroism and sacrifice in defense of our Country's freedom.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of our residents, the Rutherford County Commission is proud to recognize, support and partner with the 101st Airborne Division and 3rd Brigade Combat Team, its military members and their families for their service sacrifices and in all they do.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rutherford County Commission encourages all municipalities and communities within, as well as schools, churches, organizations and residents to fully support the partnership efforts with the 101st Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, its military members and their families now and into the future as they continue to defend our democracy, our security and our national values.

RESOLVED this 13th day of October, 2016.

