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### HONORING SGT. BREANNA J. JESSOP

Mr. Lee. Mr. President, Months ago, as Americans watched harrowing video footage of the Afghanistan evacuation efforts, servicemen and women from around the world rose to the challenge of a complex mission. As the chaos persisted, the 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army was called on to support non-combatant evacuation operations (NEO) at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Afghanistan. They completed their mission honorably.

One member of the 82nd Airborne Division, Sgt. Breanna J. Jessop, a chaplain assistant, assumed the role as the non-commissioned officer (NCO) in charge of the airport chapel. Sgt. Jessop, despite tremendous obstacles of ongoing and imminent threats, conducted herself with courage, discipline, and attention to detail. Her work saved many.

Always putting the well-being of her fellow soldiers first, Sgt. Jessop used her ingenuity to ensure 4,000 U.S. military personnel and coalition forces had access to basic hygiene items at a time when resources were, at best, limited. Further, she made time to assist soldiers with religious support, help care for those who had suffered casualties, and ensure the well-being of the soldiers with whom she served.

At the height of the NEO mission, Sgt. Jessop showed outstanding leadership. She oversaw the operation of an entire orphanage that had been formed as a result of the increase in unaccompanied minors at the airport. She led the mission to assist in caring for children and offered

assistance for children ranging from newborn babies to 17 years old. As a result of her untiring humanitarian efforts, over 400 displaced children were kept safe during the NEO mission.

Outside of her assigned duties and responsibilities, Sgt. Jessop, has helped pioneer the "Under the Canopy Program" which serves as a touchpoint forum for lower enlisted Paratroopers. There she provides vital leadership to assist with planning, preparing, and overseeing the execution of each event. Her work helps hundreds of Paratroopers each month to identify issues and discuss new and ongoing initiatives.

Sgt. Breanna J. Jessop, a native of Myton, Utah, truly represents the U.S. Army values and what it means to be a Paratrooper and Sky Dragon Soldier.

About Sgt. Jessop, Maj. Gen. Chris Donahue once said, "There are so many different words that you could use to describe her: strength, resilience, willingness to share what others would never be willing to...that's the type of remarkable person and paratrooper that she is." I could not agree more.

Sgt. Jessop was recently recognized by the United Service Organizations as the 2021 Service Member of the Year. This award is fitting and well-deserved. Yet, no award will ever fully honor the service of Sgt. Jessop. Her dedicated service to the children orphaned at Hamid Karzai International Airport and her fellow servicemembers is commendable and will be remembered and revered in the hearts of many for years to come.



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