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A letter from the Commanding General to the Key Volunteer Network and Army Family Readiness Volunteers who support the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines of the 1st Marine Division.

Recently, the House of Representatives passed a Congressional resolution recognizing the boundless efforts of our military service's unit family support volunteers.

"Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that Congress recognizes and honors the military unit family support volunteers of each branch of the Armed Forces who selflessly devote their time, talent, and energy in service to the United States and commends military unit family support volunteers for their dedicated contributions to the Armed Forces and the quality of life of members of the Armed Forces and their families."

Your role remains an essential part of the success of the 1st Marine Division's mission. The efforts of our support volunteers at home continue to allow the men and women of our Division to accomplish the mission of securing Iraq for the Iraqi people. The Key Volunteer Network is a "combat multiplier" and allows the Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen of the 1st Marine Division to focus on achieving our goals in Iraq. By volunteering your precious free time, you ensure that our families have the resources, support, and care that is needed while their loved ones are deployed.

It is only fitting that the leaders of our great Nation recognize you and your contribution. Please know that your sacrifices during this time have not gone unnoticed. I ask for your continued faith, courage, and your support to our service members and their families. You have proven to be a valued asset to the 1st Marine Division. Thank You and God Bless.

Semper Fidelis,

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