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Governor Bill Richardson Grants Administrative Leave to State Employees With Family Members Returning From Iraq

The 720th National Guard Transportation Company to Return Home Wednesday

Santa Fe - Governor Bill Richardson today granted administrative leave to at least eight state employees with loved ones serving in the 720th Transportation Company of the National Guard. The 720th is due home tomorrow after 17 months on duty in Iraq, the longest serving guardsmen from New Mexico.

“The members of the 720th Transportation Company should be commended for their hard work and dedication to our country for their service in the Middle East,” said Governor Bill Richardson

The state employees are receiving eight hours of administrative leave in order to meet the 720th when they arrive at Fort Bliss tomorrow. . “It’s the least we can do to show our support of the troops and their families,” added Richardson.

The 720th is based in Las Vegas and was activated in February 2003. The guardsmen were expected to return home in mid-April when their tour was extended an additional year, along with 19 other National Guard Units across the country.