

Troopers recognized for their big hearts

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OTTUMWA, IOWA -- Governor Chet Culver signed a proclamation designating this week as "Iowa Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve Week."

Along with naming the special week, he awarded three employers with the 2009 Iowa Freedom Award.

One of them was State Patrol Post 14 in Ottumwa.

It was given to Post 14 for their giving attitude while fellow Trooper Kevin Stallo was serving in Afghanistan.

"While he was gone, the guys here kind of rallied around his wife and him and kind of helped them in several different ways. [They did] various things as in sending him care packages [and] mowing his lawn when he was gone," said Lt. Ken Clary.

Decker Truck Lines in Fort Dodge and The Printer, Inc. in Des Moines also received the 2009 Iowa Freedom Award.

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