



Technology Brings Military Families Closer

Culver Introduces Plan Monday

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DES MOINES, Iowa -- Gov. Chet Culver introduced a program Monday morning that would allow families to talk to their loved ones serving in Iraq through video conferencing.

The family of Sgt. Heather Brown had a chance to talk to her through using the program. Brown's family members said they are grateful, especially because it will be a while before she comes home.

"She was supposed to come home in April, but with the troop surge I think it will be longer, maybe August. We're eager to have her home that's sure," said Heather's husband, Ron Brown.



This is being done through the Iowa Communications Network, the Iowa National Guard and the Freedom Calls Foundation.

There are more than 400 ICN sites where this can be done. This is available to anyone in the armed forces in Fallujah, Al Asad or Taji in Iraq.

Families seeking to arrange video conference calls with relatives in Iraq should go online to Freedomcalls.org or call Iowa Communications Network at 515-725-4713.