**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COLONEL KAFFIA “BELLE” JONES, UPON HER NOMINATION TO THE RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVES, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR REACHING THIS MOMENTOUS ACHIEVEMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Colonel Kaffia “Belle” Jones will be honored, near her native home, at the Beaufort City Hall on April 3, 2011, for her recent nomination to become a brigadier general; and

Whereas, born in the community of Dale in Beaufort County, Belle Jones attended Dale Elementary School and Beaufort High School and enlisted in the United States Army in the Quartermaster Corps in 1976; and

Whereas, in 1980, she was commissioned into the United States Army National Guard as a 2nd lieutenant, and in her thirty‑five‑year military career, she has served as a communications, administrative, and operations officer as well as a company, battalion, and brigade commander; and

Whereas, most recently, she held the position of chief of staff for the nearly nine thousand‑strong 335th Signal Command (Theater) and provided command oversight for the Command’s dual missions; and

Whereas, Colonel Jones’ many military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation and Army Achievement medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the NATO Medal; and

Whereas, her career as a civil servant includes twenty‑five years in various positions with the California Department of Corrections, and she owns Indian Hill Company, which supports the modernization of rural communities through land acquisition, development, and the construction of affordable housing; and

Whereas, from Excelsior College she earned a bachelor’s degree in liberal studies, and she holds a master’s and a doctoral degree in psychology from Saybrook University; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pride in the accomplishments of Kaffia “Belle” Jones, daughter of the Palmetto State, and commend her for devoted service to her nation and for attaining the rank of brigadier general. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Colonel Kaffia “Belle” Jones, upon her nomination to the rank of brigadier general in the United States Army Reserves, and congratulate her for reaching this momentous achievement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Colonel Kaffia “Belle” Jones.

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