**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOSEPH DAWSON, JR., COMMANDANT OF THE MILITARY MAGNET ACADEMY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY‑ONE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Commandant Joseph Dawson, Jr., will begin a well deserved retirement on June 30, 2013, after twenty‑one years of significant contributions to the Military Magnet Academy of North Charleston; and

Whereas, born and reared in Charleston, Joseph Dawson, Jr., is the oldest of Bessie and Joseph Dawson’s twelve children, and he was educated in Charleston County Schools, attending Buist Elementary School and Burke High School and graduating from Bonds Wilson High School; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, “P.” Cornish Dawson, in 1964, and together they reared five fine children, Dennetta, Dawnay, Carlisse, Carlton, and Joseph Dawson III who blessed them with three loving grandchildren; and

Whereas, for twenty‑nine years, he served his country with distinction in the United States Army in many duty stations throughout the world, including Vietnam, Korea, and Germany, and he retired at the rank of command sergeant major in 1992; and

Whereas, a colonel in the South Carolina State Guard, Commandant Dawson was instrumental in founding the Military Magnet Academy in 1992, where he serves as its commandant; and

Whereas, he has participated in sponsoring many community service programs, including the Venturing Program, one of the largest programs in the Twin River District Boy Scouts; the Golfing and Skiing experience; and the Veteran’s Day Celebration. Mr. Dawson also serves as an advisor to the Interact Club, and he is a regular participant in the Red Top, Wadmalaw Island, Snowden, and Shriners’ parades; and

Whereas, a lifetime member of the Non‑Commissioned Officers Association, the Association of the United States Army, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Commandant Dawson is a devoted minister at Greater Grace Tabernacle International Church where his wife is pastor; and

Whereas, he was honored to be featured among Ten of Charleston’s Most Beautiful People in the millennium issue of *Charleston* *Magazine*; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of devotion that Commandant Joseph Dawson has given to serving the youth of our State through the Military Magnet Academy of North Charleston and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Joseph Dawson, Jr., Commandant of the Military Magnet Academy, upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty‑one years of outstanding dedication and service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Commandant Joseph Dawson, Jr.

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