**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO WELCOME HOME THE MEN AND WOMEN OF ROCK HILL’S ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 178TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION FROM THEIR TOUR OF DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN AND TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THESE SOLDIERS FOR THEIR COURAGE AND THE MANY SACRIFICES THEY HAVE MADE IN THEIR SERVICE TO OUR NATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are deeply heartened to learn that the brave soldiers of Rock Hill’s Army National Guard 178th Combat Engineer Battalion have returned safely home after a ten‑month tour of duty in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, these one hundred sixty‑one soldiers, as well as their families and friends, have made great sacrifices and endured many hardships in their service to this country and in their efforts to enable the Afghan Army to stand on its own; and

Whereas, while conducting themselves with unyielding loyalty and dedication to the United States of America, these courageous Army National Guard troops accomplished the perilous job of clearing bombs from roads in Afghanistan. Other duties among their more than forty missions included tearing down two bases during the winding down of the war and the crucial role of delivering supplies and making sure convoy routes were safe; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly counts it a high privilege to salute, on behalf of all South Carolinians, the soldiers of Rock Hill’s Army National Guard 178th Combat Engineer Battalion and to express the deepest gratitude for their selfless service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, welcome home the men and women of Rock Hill’s Army National Guard 178th Combat Engineer Battalion from their tour of duty in Afghanistan and express the deepest respect and admiration of the members of the South Carolina General Assembly to these soldiers for their courage and the many sacrifices they have made in their service to our nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Rock Hill’s Army National Guard 178th Combat Engineer Battalion.

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