**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FRED KANE OF MYRTLE BEACH FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK IN SUPPORT OF WOUNDED SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN THROUGH WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT (WWP) AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED ONE OF FIVE NATIONAL RECIPIENTS OF THE PRESTIGIOUS WWP “CARRY FORWARD” AWARD FOR 2013.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Fred Kane of Myrtle Beach has been awarded a coveted “Carry Forward” Award for 2013 by the Wounded Warrior Project for his exceptional WWP volunteer work in support of service members injured in combat; and

Whereas, WWP serves veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound coincident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001, and their families; and

Whereas, the WWP Carry Forward Awards, presented by Bank of America, is a campaign recognizing volunteers whose supportive WWP work provides a positive and lasting impact on Wounded Warriors and their families. The 2013 campaign culminated with an awards celebration and fundraising event in Los Angeles, California, on October 10, 2013. Funds raised at the event are being used to further WWP programs; and

Whereas, Fred Kane began serving Wounded Warriors as a result of his two sons’ service in the U.S. Army. When one of their buddies was killed in action, Mr. Kane decided to take some action of his own, and Wounded Warrior Project became his passion. In 2009, he started a golf tournament called Tee Off Fore A Cause, and it has turned out to be a huge hit. A raffle, silent auction, and skills contests, including a glass break from twenty‑five yards that was made popular on Golf Channel’s *Big Break* series, are part of the tournament and help raise funds; and

Whereas, running a tournament, however, wasn’t enough for Fred Kane. He has branched out to collect golf clubs and other equipment that he donates to injured service members for use in their rehabilitation. In all, his tournament has raised approximately one hundred thousand dollars for WWP, and he has donated more than that amount in golf equipment. Perhaps the most impressive thing about Mr. Kane’s achievement is that he spent more than a year unemployed while doing all he could to help WWP; and

Whereas, this tireless patriot has also organized a new miniature‑golf tournament as a benefit for the Wounded Warrior Project. It was held on Veterans Day at Venture Golf; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Fred Kane who use their talents and resources to serve others. 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 Fred Kane of Myrtle Beach for his outstanding work in support of wounded servicemen and women through Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) and congratulate him on being named one of five national recipients of the prestigious WWP “Carry Forward” Award for 2013.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Fred Kane.

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