**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STAFF SERGEANT TAMIKA OCTAVIA VAUGHN UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVES AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in its deliberations to express gratitude to Staff Sergeant Tamika Octavia Vaughn for her significant contributions to the United States Army Reserves, from which she retired on December 1, 2015; and

Whereas, Charleston native Tamika Octavia Vaughn enlisted in the United States Army Reserves on August 18, 1994, and subsequently attended Army Basic Training at Fort Jackson. After completing her training, she attended Advance Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, where she was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty, 92A, Automated Logistical Specialist; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Vaughn was assigned to the 942nd Transportation Company in Charleston until her active‑duty enlistment on November 17, 1995, at which time she was reassigned to the 51st Sig BDE, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During her career, she has worked diligently with 1‑43rd Air Defense, Suwon, Korea, 703rd Maintenance Support Bn, Fort Stewart, Georgia, 226 Medical Logistics Bn, Miesau, Germany, 13th Signal Bn, Fort Hood, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, United States Army Recruiting Command, Tampa Battalion, Daytona Beach, Florida, 45th Sustainment Brigade, and she is currently assigned to the Installation Operation Center, United States Army Garrison, Hawaii; and

Whereas, her numerous positions include platoon sergeant, section leader, squad leader, recruiter, and emergency action controller, and she has participated in campaigns and deployments such as Operation Iraqi Freedom, Camp Taji, Iraq Operation Enduring Freedom, Camp Victory Iraq, and K‑FOR Area Support Group P‑Falcon (ASG, Task Force Falcon Provision), Camp Bonsteel; and

Whereas, to prepare herself more effectively for her career, Staff Sergeant Vaughn has completed both military and civilian education. The latter includes earning an associate degree in general studies from Central Texas College. Presently, she is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in logistics management; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Vaughn has not gone unappreciated for her fine work. She received the Glen E. Morrell Award for excellence in recruiting, the highest award in the United States Army Recruiting Command. Honored to assist others in becoming part of the proud one percent whose members serve our country, Staff Sergeant Vaughn was also awarded the Logician Badge and the Honorable Order of St. Martin; and

Whereas, further, among her many other awards and decorations are the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign stars, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Gold Recruiter Badge (3 star sapphires), Combat Action Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge (mechanic), and Expert Marksmanship Badge with rifle bar; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the more than twenty‑one years of unparalleled dedication that Staff Sergeant Vaughn has devoted to serving her country and wish her many years of enjoyment in her well‑earned retirement. 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 Staff Sergeant Tamika Octavia Vaughn upon the occasion of her retirement after more than two decades of outstanding service in the United States Army Reserves and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Staff Sergeant Tamika Octavia Vaughn.

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