**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PRIVATE MALACHI TIMOTHY COUCH FOR HIS SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF OUR NATION AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM AS HE GRADUATES FROM BASIC TRAINING WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Private Malachi Timothy Couch will be completing basic training with the United States Army National Guard in small arms and artillery repair (91F); and

Whereas, Private Couch received his high school diploma from Mercy Vocational High School, a private Roman Catholic high school, and was selected several years in a row for honors and received several certifications from Microsoft; and

Whereas, while studying abroad in Jamaica and Haiti, Private Couch had a profound experience with God which continues to impact his life and faith; and

Whereas, for more than ten years, he has been serving the Black Clergy of Philadelphia with dedication as assistant to its president, the Reverend Dr. Robert P. Shine; and

Whereas, throughout those years, Malachi Couch has been building communities through youth ministry in an effort to “Fight the Good Fight of Faith” in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Sensing a need for the Church to get back to her primary mission, he cofounded the New Beginning ministry, which is dedicated to the proven effectiveness of old‑fashioned, one‑on‑one, street evangelism. Through this ministry, he personally shares God’s promise of forgiveness and new life in Christ with more than three thousand young people every year, calling them to God’s grace while daring them to join the fight; and

Whereas, Private Couch realizes that another great fight for the youth of our nation is in the education that youth need concerning economics and the importance of wealth‑building through owning and starting a business; and

Whereas, with a strong entrepreneurial spirit, Malachi Couch started his first business in elementary school, selling candy to his classmates, and later he started a lawn‑care business through which he cares for the lawns of more than twenty families; and

Whereas, he has had the blessing of devoted parents from Pennsylvania who have been married for more than twenty years and who, along with his sibling, My’chal, have given him a passionate value of family; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the service of Private Malachi Couch to the youth of our nation and to his God and wish him Godspeed as he graduates from basic training in the United States Army National Guard. 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 Private Malachi Timothy Couch for his selfless service to the youth of our nation and congratulate him as he graduates from Basic Training with the United States Army National Guard.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Private Malachi Timothy Couch.

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