**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND LIEUTENANT COLONEL BARRY WHITESIDE, U.S. ARMY (RET.), OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS THROUGH A POST‑TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP AND TO WISH HIM ALL THE BEST AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE OUR VETERANS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn of Lieutenant Colonel Barry Whiteside’s outstanding work in support of our veterans through a post‑traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) support group, Vets for Vets; and

Whereas, as an active member and deacon at Irmo’s Gateway Baptist Church, Barry Whiteside had a vision for a much‑needed ministry in his church: a support group for veterans dealing with PTSD. This career military man had full understanding of what veterans with PTSD had to cope with since he was living with it himself; and

Whereas, with fellow retired serviceman Henry Humphries, Barry Whiteside embarked on the new ministry, which has been growing for several years and now includes members beyond the church rolls. Any veteran is welcome to attend; and

Whereas, since its inception, Vets for Vets’ fine reputation has spread by word of mouth among veterans in the community, and the ministry is making such a huge difference in the lives of the veterans it touches that the group needs to divide and begin a second group; and

Whereas, to add to the effectiveness of Vets for Vets, Barry Whiteside, who served as a sniper in special forces, also donates his time to minister to veterans individually; and

Whereas, in addition to his work with Vets for Vets, Barry Whiteside works with his church’s student ministry, for which he teaches eleventh‑ and twelfth‑grade boys, and in the community he serves as a physical therapist at Lexington Medical Center. He and his wife, Janice, have two children, Jonah and Jordan; and

Whereas, in recognition of his spirit of excellence and dedicated service to the veterans he serves, Gateway Baptist Church will honor this tireless patriot on Memorial Day, Sunday, May 24, 2015; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate 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 Lieutenant Colonel Barry Whiteside who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel Barry Whiteside, U.S. Army (Ret.), of Richland County for his outstanding work in support of veterans through a post‑traumatic stress disorder support group and wish him all the best as he continues to serve our veterans.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Lieutenant Colonel Barry Whiteside.

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