**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE PARRIS ISLAND YOUNG MARINES FOR GARNERING SECOND PLACE FOR THE KIKI CAMARENA AWARD IN THE 3RD DIVISION PRESENTED BY THE UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AND TO DESIGNATE OCTOBER 23 TO OCTOBER 31, 2018, AS “RED RIBBON WEEK” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Parris Island Young Marines were honored with a KiKi Camarena Award by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration for the unit’s significant work to reduce the demand for drugs in their community; and

Whereas, the mission of the Young Marines is to have a positive impact on America’s future by providing quality programs for boys and girls that nurture and develop members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug‑free lifestyle; and

Whereas, every year Young Marine units across the nation enter schools and other venues to teach youth about being drug free. The KiKi Camarena Award recognizes three Young Marine units in each division that make the greatest impact in reducing the drug demand in their communities; and

Whereas, a nonprofit organization in the Beaufort community working to educate young people about drug prevention through its Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) Program, the Parris Island Young Marines is the only unit in South Carolina to earn one of three Kiki Camarena awards presented in the 3rd Division in 2017; and

Whereas, armed with the message to stay away from drugs, the Parris Island Young Marines reached more than four thousand young people and adults in Beaufort County through classroom presentations, a 5K DDR run, Red Ribbon Week, and outreaches at community trick‑or‑treat and trunk‑or‑treat events and at football games; and

Whereas, the Parris Island unit partnered with Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Prevention and sponsored the 2017 International Overdose Awareness Day and a Drug Take‑Back Program. The members provided Drug‑Free Pledge posters and an online pledge form; and

Whereas, the members of the Parris Island Young Marines have spent five hundred combined volunteer hours to promote the reduction of drug demand in Beaufort County; and

Whereas, Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States and will be recognized from October 23 through October 31, 2018; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate appreciates the pride and recognition that the participants of Parris Island Young Marines have brought to their community, and the members wish them continued success as they observe Red Ribbon Week and seek to educate young people about the dangers of drugs and violence. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Parris Island Young Marines for garnering second place for the KiKi Camarena Award in the 3rd Division presented by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and designate October 23 to October 31, 2018, as “Red Ribbon Week” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Delroy Tingley, Unit Commander of Parris Island Young Marines.

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