**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE FOR THE DEDICATED SERVICE, HEROISM, AND SACRIFICE IT HAS DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, AND TO PROCLAIM JUNE 3‑7, 2010, “173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE ASSOCIATION DAYS” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, constituted as an infantry brigade and organized as an element of the 87th Division in August 1917, the 173rd Airborne Brigade has served with distinction throughout its history; and

Whereas, the brigade deployed to France in 1918, saw action in World War II in the Pacific Theater, served in Vietnam, conducted numerous training deployments to European Theater countries in the early 2000s, and, most recently, supported Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, for their heroic and sacrificial military service, the brigade’s “Sky Soldiers” have earned many awards, such as the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, and Purple Heart; and

Whereas, in 2006, the brigade was renamed the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team; and

Whereas, today’s Sky Soldiers continue the distinction of honored service dating back to World War I and proudly represent the 173rd Airborne Brigade’s fighting spirit. They stand ready at a moment’s notice to deploy rapidly and conduct operations across the full spectrum of combat; and

Whereas, the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association, a nonprofit service organization dedicated to the support of Sky Soldiers, seeks to serve through both its national office and local chapters. Various publications, reunions, a searchable online database, scholarship and bereavement programs, gifts to troops, and visits to the wounded all play a part in the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association’s worthy mission; and

Whereas, in honor of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association, North Myrtle Beach has set apart June 3‑7, 2010, to celebrate the association’s members and their accomplishments; and

Whereas, in light of the 173rd Airborne Brigade’s many years of heroism and sacrifice in defense of our freedom, as well as the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association’s fine work in support of brigade members, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in proclaiming June 3‑7, 2010, “173rd Airborne Brigade Association Days” in South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor the 173rd Airborne Brigade for the dedicated service, heroism, and sacrifice it has displayed throughout its history, and proclaim June 3‑7, 2010, “173rd Airborne Brigade Association Days” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association.

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