**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE “QUIET HEROES” FROM POLAND WHO COURAGEOUSLY HAVE FOUGHT FOR THIS COUNTRY’S FREEDOMS FROM 1775 THROUGH WORLD WAR II AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE COURAGE OF RICHARD COSBY (RYSZARD KOSSOBUDZKI), WHO FOUGHT WITH INCREDIBLE BRAVERY AND FORTITUDE FOR POLAND, AND WITH AMERICA FOR THE FREE WORLD, FOR THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE.

Whereas, the country of Poland has given America some of her most intrepid patriots, and the State of South Carolina has long benefitted from their courage and loyalty; and

Whereas, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a “quiet hero” from Poland, joined the Continental Army in 1776 and built fortifications in Philadelphia and at West Point, directed engineering operations in Charleston, and was made an American brigadier general; and

Whereas, known as the father of American cavalry, Count Casimir Pulaski, later General Casimir Pulaski, and his comrades fought for American independence with the likes of Sergeant William Jasper in the second regiment of South Carolina Continentals, General Pulaski making the supreme sacrifice on October 9, 1779; and

Whereas, Richard Cosby fought in Poland with unwavering courage and fortitude during World War II, the deadliest conflict in human history; and

Whereas, now an American citizen, Mr. Cosby has continued his support of this nation and its principles and supported his daughter Rita Cosby, a three‑time Emmy Award winner, a *New York Times* best‑selling author, and a graduate of the University of South Carolina who has brought honor to this State and nation; and

Whereas, it is entirely appropriate for the members of the General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to honor those who have fought for liberty in support of this country, and the members in particular wish to add their praise to those encomiums rightly accruing to Richard Cosby. 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, express the gratitude of the citizens of South Carolina for the “quiet heroes” from Poland who courageously have fought for this country’s freedoms from 1775 through World War II and particularly for the courage of Richard Cosby (Ryszard Kossobudzki), who fought with incredible bravery and fortitude for Poland, and with America for the free world, for the liberation of Europe.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Richard Cosby.

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