**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LANCE CORPORAL BRYAN SLOAN, AND TO HONOR HIM FOR HIS HEROIC AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN DEFENSE OF OUR NATION.

Whereas, with a deep sense of gratitude the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor individuals who serve so sacrificially to protect and defend the principles of liberty and freedom that have made our nation great; and

Whereas, immediately after graduating from high school in Pickens in 2004, Bryan Sloan answered the call of his country and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps; and

Whereas, he was accepted into a scout‑sniper platoon after completing boot camp at Parris Island and the School of Infantry at Camp Geiger; and

Whereas, in 2005, he was deployed on his first tour of duty in Iraq and, upon returning in May of 2006, was sent to sniper school in Stone Bay, North Carolina; and

Whereas, before his second tour of duty in Iraq began in March of 2007, he completed desert warfare training in California and Survival, Escape, Resistance, and Evasion (SERE) training at SERE Naval Air Station in Brunswick, Maine; and

Whereas, less than two months after returning to the war zone, he was seriously wounded when the scout sniper team he was leading was ambushed in the Al Anbar province along the Euphrates River; and

Whereas, he continued to engage enemy combatants in spite of his serious injuries and secured the safety of his team by launching a fragmentation grenade in the direction of the enemy, which brought the attack to an end; and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Sloan was taken by Medi‑vac to a hospital at an air base in Al‑Assad, Iraq, where he was treated for two bullet wounds to his hip, which had fractured his pelvis; and

Whereas, after surgery, he was flown to a United States military hospital in Germany, where he recuperated and began the rehabilitation process; and

Whereas, for his heroic action, Lance Corporal Bryan Sloan received the Purple Heart, which is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to servicemen who are wounded in combat; and

Whereas, today Bryan Sloan has chosen to continue his higher education and is a full‑time student at Clemson University majoring in sociology with a minor in anthropology; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the dedicated service of those in our Armed Forces and take great pride in the heroism and sacrifice of one particular heroic South Carolinian, Lance Corporal Bryan Sloan, on behalf of this nation. 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 United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Bryan Sloan, and honor him for his heroic and meritorious service in defense of our nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lance Corporal Bryan Sloan.

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