**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

DECLARING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27 THROUGH OCTOBER 3, 2010, “SOUTH CAROLINA MEDAL OF HONOR WEEK” AND CALLING UPON SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS THAT WEEK PAYING TRIBUTE TO RECIPIENTS OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR AND TO REFLECT ON THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN EVERY GENERATION.

Whereas, the Medal of Honor is the highest decoration awarded a member of the armed forces and is presented by the President in the name of Congress to heroes who have distinguished themselves in an action against a hostile enemy force by service over, above, and beyond the call of duty at the risk of life, and whose character, courage, and commitment to country inspires true reverence; and

Whereas, our nation’s Medal of Honor recipients, men whose bravery under fire was so great, so selfless, that they earned our country’s highest honor for military valor, are heroes unlike any other. With an unwavering sense of duty, these incredible men not only fought with fearless abandon for this nation, but acted with unparalleled bravery to protect their fellow comrades; and

Whereas, South Carolina is honored to host the Medal of Honor convention the week of September 27 through October 3, 2010; and

Whereas,designating that week as “South Carolina Medal of Honor Week” will promote and perpetuate the principles upon which this State and nation are founded, will foster patriotism, inspire our young South Carolinians to become better citizens, and will promote public appreciation for and recognition of Medal of Honor recipients and all the members of our armed forces; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, add their voices in support of those who have organized these special events honoring America’s greatest heroes. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, declare the week of September 27 through October 3, 2010, “South Carolina Medal of Honor Week” and urge all South Carolinians to participate in programs that week paying tribute to Medal of Honor recipients and to reflect on the service and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients and all members of the armed forces in every generation.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Colonel Leo K. Thorsness U. S. A. F. (ret.), President of the Medal of Honor Society, for and on behalf of all Medal of Honor recipients.

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