**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JAMES E. “EDDIE” HARRIS OF UNION COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the long and outstanding career of Command Sergeant Major James E. “Eddie” Harris and are pleased to learn that after more than four decades of service to the South Carolina Army National Guard (SCARNG) he will begin a well earned retirement; and

Whereas, in January 1970, Eddie Harris enlisted in SCARNG at Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 118th Infantry in Union, and since then he has served as squad leader, platoon sergeant, first sergeant, and battalion command sergeant major in the 4th Battalion, 118th Infantry and the 218th Heavy Separate Brigade in Newberry; and

Whereas, in 1999, he was selected as the regimental command sergeant major for the 218th Regiment (Leadership) at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, and in 2001, he was selected by South Carolina Adjutant General Stan Spears to serve as the State Command Sergeant Major; and

Whereas, his numerous military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the South Carolina Exceptional Service Medal; and

Whereas, as a civilian, Command Sergeant Major Harris pursued a successful career in law enforcement serving as a corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, and assistant chief of police in Union; and

Whereas, a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association, he was appointed resident agent for Union County with the State Law Enforcement Division in 1984 where he served with distinction until his retirement in 1996; and

Whereas, during his law enforcement career he received many commendations for excellence and achievement in the field of criminal investigation; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Joy, he has reared four fine children, Christie, James, Denver, and Matthew; and

Whereas, actively involved in his community, Command Sergeant Major attends First Baptist Church of Union, is a member of Elk’s Lodge 1321 and the Union YMCA, and is a Master Mason and a Hejaz Shriner; and

Whereas, he was inducted into the Union High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008 for his athletic talent and leadership in baseball and basketball from 1964 through 1968 and serving as co‑captain on both teams during his senior year; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the exemplary career that Command Sergeant Major Eddie Harris has had in SCARNG and are pleased to learn that after more than forty years of service he will be enjoying a much deserved retirement. 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 Command Sergeant Major James E. “Eddie” Harris, upon the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina Army National Guard, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Command Sergeant Major James E. “Eddie” Harris.

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