**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO WISH GODSPEED TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE 414TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, ORANGEBURG, AS THEY BEGIN THEIR TOUR OF DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN, AND TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE TO THESE SOLDIERS FOR THEIR COURAGE AND MANY SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.

Whereas, the fine men and women of the 414th Transportation Company of the U.S. Army Reserve departed on March 13, 2012, from Orangeburg for one last training mission before embarking on a tour of duty in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, these one hundred sixty soldiers, as well as their families and friends, have made great sacrifices in their service to this country and will continue to do so as part of the war on terrorism in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, as they transport materials, meals and mission‑essential equipment crucial in the war on terrorism, these courageous U.S. Army Reserve troops also will continue to show the valor and great spirit of determination and pride for their country that help make America great; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate, on behalf of all South Carolinians, acknowledges with deep appreciation the great sacrifices the men and women of the 414th Transportation Company make for the ideals of freedom and justice, which are so richly enjoyed in this nation; and

Whereas, with one voice, the members offer their grateful thanks to Almighty God for these sons and daughters of America and pray God’s hand of protection and blessing on them as they commence their service in Afghanistan. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, wish Godspeed to the men and women of the U.S. Army Reserve 414th Transportation Company, Orangeburg, as they begin their tour of duty in Afghanistan, and express the deepest respect and admiration of the members of the South Carolina Senate to these soldiers for their courage and many sacrifices in service to our nation and the people of Afghanistan.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the U.S. Army Reserve 414th Transportation Company.

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