**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THAT PORTION OF NATIONAL GUARD ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BEGINNING AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH BLUFF ROAD AND EXTENDING PAST THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS BUILDING (THE TAG BUILDING) TO ITS CONCLUSION AS “STAN SPEARS DRIVE” IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL STANHOPE SIFFORD “STAN” SPEARS, RETIRING ADJUTANT GENERAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND A TRULY DISTINGUISHED MILITARY LEADER AND PUBLIC SERVANT OF THIS STATE FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS, AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS AND SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “STAN SPEARS DRIVE”.

Whereas, Major General Stanhope Sifford “Stan” Spears has served with great distinction as Adjutant General of South Carolina since taking office in January 1995; and

Whereas, General Spears leads and directs the thirteen thousand five hundred‑member South Carolina Army and Air National Guard. He also oversees the operations of the South Carolina State Guard and South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division. His position as Adjutant General is unique in that South Carolina is the only state in the nation to elect its Adjutant General; and

Whereas, General Spears was born April 23, 1937, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Following graduation from the University of South Carolina in 1959, he enlisted in the Air National Guard and served two years before his acceptance to the South Carolina Army National Guard’s Palmetto Military Academy; and

Whereas, upon graduation in 1962, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and served for thirty‑two years, earning the rank of Brigadier General and achieving the office of Assistant Adjutant General of South Carolina; and

Whereas, before taking office as Adjutant General, he was senior vice‑president with Willis Corroon Cooperation, the world’s fifth largest insurance broker; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly believe it would be a fitting tribute to this outstanding public servant, courageous soldier and military leader, and truly fine man if the National Guard Road in front of the South Carolina National Guard’s Headquarters off Bluff Road was renamed in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name National Guard Road in Richland County, South Carolina, beginning at its intersection with Bluff Road and extending past the South Carolina National Guard Headquarters Building (the TAG Building) to its conclusion as “Stan Spears Drive” in honor of Major General Stanhope Sifford “Stan” Spears, retiring Adjutant General of South Carolina and a truly distinguished military leader and public servant of this state for over thirty years, and erect appropriate markers and signs along this portion of road that contain the words “Stan Spears Drive”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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