**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SADNESS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON LEARNING OF THE LOSS OF MR. GARNET HANLEY, A DECORATED WORLD WAR II VETERAN, RETIRED ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPUTY, AND VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN FOR THE RICHARD CAMPBELL VETERANS HOME, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Garnet Hanley on December 14, 2011; and

Whereas, Garnet Hanley was born in 1925 in Royston, Georgia, and began his military career on February 26, 1944, serving in the United States Army with the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles during World War II; and

Whereas, during his distinguished military career, he saw combat from Normandy through Germany and France and was wounded multiple times during the Battle of the Bulge; and

Whereas, Garnet Hanley was a member of the esteemed “Band of Brothers” and received numerous commendations as he served his country in her hour of need, including three Purple Hearts and earning membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

Whereas, Garnet Hanley also earned the Bronze Star, Parachutist Badge, American Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and the WWII Victory Medal; and

Whereas, after his military career, Garnet Hanley worked for eleven years in the textile industry in Anderson, South Carolina, and then worked the next eleven years for Virginia Insurance Company, following which he joined the Anderson County Sheriff’s Department in the early 1970s, continuing his lifetime of serving and protecting the citizens of our great nation; and

Whereas, active in his community, Garnet Hanley was a member of the American Legion for almost sixty years and was a Master Mason with the Divver Lodge, receiving his fifty‑year Masonic pin in 2004. In addition, he served as adjutant and chaplain of American Legion Post 184 and spent many years visiting and praying every day with over two hundred residents of Richard Campbell Veterans Home; and

Whereas, on November 11, 1995, Garnet Hanley was awarded the prestigious Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor given to a citizen, by Governor David M. Beasley, in appreciation for his lifetime of achievement and service to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, on November 14, 2010, a special parade was held in tribute to World War II veterans in Anderson, and retired Sgt. Garnet Hanley was selected to be the grand marshall of this parade; and

Whereas, Garnet Hanley is survived by his lovely wife, Katherine M. Hanley, and his family, to whom he was devoted, and he will forever be remembered for his love of family and friends and his fight for freedom. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him; and

Whereas, it is proper and fitting for the members of the South Carolina Senate to pause in their deliberations to remember and honor such a distinguished World War II hero as Garnet Hanley. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sadness upon learning of the loss of Mr. Garnet Hanley, a decorated World War II veteran, retired Anderson County sheriff’s deputy, and volunteer chaplain for the Richard Campbell Veterans Home, and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Mr. Garnet Hanley.

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