**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011, AS “VIETNAM‑ERA VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY” IN OCONEE COUNTY, AND TO OFFER THE GRATITUDE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THESE HEROES.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives acknowledge with deep appreciation the great sacrifices that the men and women of the United States Armed Forces make for the ideals of liberty and justice, which have been so richly enjoyed in this nation since its birth in 1776; and

Whereas, more than two million members of America’s military forces have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives while serving our country for the sake of freedom; and

Whereas, two hundred ten of these uniformed patriots have called Oconee County their home and have their names inscribed on an honored War Memorial in front of the Oconee courthouse; and

Whereas, on March 26, 2011, the citizens of Oconee County will pause and give thanks for the efforts of all men and women who served our nation so well during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, twenty‑one young Oconee County men went to Vietnam between 1964 and 1975 and did not return. The House of Representatives would like to honor them for paying the ultimate sacrifice: R. Wayne Beaty, Johnnie E. Butler, Delmar C. Dennis, Austin I. Edwards, Willie Johnson, Billy Lee, Roger E. Merck, Isaiah Mulwee, Jr., David W. Smith, Cecil F. Taylor, Charles B. Watson, Jr., John M. Bischoff, Gerald E. Chastain, Marvin L. Dooley, Thomas E. Holmes, William Jones, Guy H. McCary, Thomas A. Moore, Grady L. Norris, Gerald D. Sullivan, and William F. Thompson; and

Whereas, it is fitting and appropriate for the members of the House of Representatives to pause in their deliberations to remember those who join in the aspiration for a world that is just, peaceful, and free. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives, by this resolution, declare Saturday, March 26, 2011, as “Vietnam‑Era Veterans Appreciation Day” in Oconee County, and offer their gratitude for the military service of these heroes.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Oconee County Council.

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