**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NAVY JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM OF SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CADETS, INSTRUCTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR BEING NAMED THE 2011 OUTSTANDING NAVY JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Navy Junior ROTC of Summerville High School has been honored as the 2011 Outstanding Navy Junior ROTC unit in the State of South Carolina by the United States Navy League; and

Whereas, the Summerville High School program was chosen from sixty‑eight units in North and South Carolina as the most outstanding and will now enter competition with the top eleven units from the six hundred sixty programs nationwide for the most outstanding unit in the nation; and

Whereas, with the addition of a new high school in the same district and the redrawing of district lines to include another high school, Summerville High School student enrollment has dropped some twenty‑two percent, but the school’s Navy Junior ROTC program boasts an increased enrollment of almost ten percent over the same period of time; and

Whereas, in their various teams of marksmanship, orienteering, drill, academic, physical training, and color guard, the Summerville cadets routinely demonstrate their competitive military skills at meets and in their summer program; and

Whereas, their concerns beyond themselves, however, mark these cadets for distinction in almost seven and a half thousand hours of community and school service this year, averaging over thirty‑three hours for each cadet in the program, and they sponsor numerous social events for the school, and their Military Ball is considered the highlight of the social calendar; and

Whereas, with a unit philosophy of developing informed young leaders who understand the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy, the program includes students who are members of athletic teams, theater groups, band, choir, and school leadership, and thirty percent of the cadets maintain standing on the academic honor roll; and

Whereas, using their own military skill and training, Colonel Claude Davis, Master Chief Carson Burgess, and Master Chief Gardner LaMarche have forged a championship Navy Junior ROTC program, teaching these cadets lessons that will prove invaluable to them throughout life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in recognizing the cadets of the Summerville High School Navy Junior ROTC program for being named the recipients of this honor and look forward to hearing of their continued accomplishments. 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 the Navy Junior ROTC program of Summerville High School, and congratulate the cadets, instructors, and school officials for being named the 2011 Outstanding Navy Junior ROTC program in the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Summerville High School Principal Roger Edwards and Colonel Claude Davis of the Navy Junior ROTC program.

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