**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRIGADIER GENERAL DARLENE M. GOFF, SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, FOR HER THIRTY‑FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS AN OUTSTANDING MILITARY WOMAN AT THE SPANN WATSON CHAPTER, TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, INC.’S APPRECIATION BANQUET FOR MILITARY WOMEN ON NOVEMBER 5, 2011.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, on behalf of all South Carolinians, acknowledge with deep appreciation the great sacrifice that the men and women of the United States Armed Forces make for the ideals of freedom and justice, so richly enjoyed in this nation; and

Whereas, Brigadier General Darlene M. Goff, South Carolina Army National Guard, stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, Brigadier General Darlene M. Goff assumed her duties as the assistant adjutant general for the South Carolina Army National Guard on December 22, 2010. She also serves as the vice chief of the joint staff, South Carolina National Guard; and

Whereas, enlisting in 1977, General Goff earned her commission in 1981 through the Palmetto Military Academy. She holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Lander University and a master’s degree in computer and information resource management from Webster University, as well as a master’s degree from the United States Army War College; and

Whereas, her numerous awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

Whereas, serving mostly in South Carolina and working her way up through the ranks, she has moved from telecommunications center officer in the early days of her service to brigadier general, a rank she was awarded in December 2010; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives counts it a great privilege to honor Brigadier General Darlene M. Goff, South Carolina Army National Guard, one of the Palmetto State’s finest, and the members with one voice commend the dedicated, sacrificial labors of this worthy daughter of South Carolina in the military of our great country. 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 Brigadier General Darlene M. Goff, South Carolina Army National Guard, for her thirty‑four years of outstanding military service, and congratulate her on being recognized as an outstanding military woman at the Spann Watson Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.’s Appreciation Banquet for Military Women on November 5, 2011.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Brigadier General Darlene M. Goff.

Be it further resolved that the Governor be requested to declare November 5, 2011, “Military Women Day” in South Carolina.

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