**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR UNITED STATES ARMY RANGER JASON BRITT OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE DURING FIVE TOURS OF DUTY IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, AND TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST APPRECIATION OF A GRATEFUL STATE AND NATION FOR HIS LIFE, SACRIFICE, AND SERVICE.

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, which are so richly enjoyed in this nation; and

Whereas, United States Army Ranger Jason Britt of Dorchester County stands high among those servicemen and women so honored by their country; and

Whereas, born on September 4, 1987, to Jane Patrick Horton and Keith Britt, Jason completed his early education at Dorchester Academy, where he earned recognition as an outstanding student and formed a friendship with schoolmate Al Schipmann that endures to this day. During his time at the academy, Jason was a Farm Bureau Leadership delegate, Palmetto Boys State delegate, Nathan Wolfe Law Cadet Academy delegate, and student government representative; and

Whereas, among other high school honors, he received the Class of 1981 Scholarship Award and was chosen for two senior superlatives, Most Athletic and Best Personality. In addition, during his senior year he served as captain of the school football and baseball teams and was selected to Who’s Who Among American High School Students and Who’s Who Among American High School Athletes; and

Whereas, after attending Francis Marion University from 2005 to 2007, Jason Britt joined the military in September 2007 and began his basic training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia. While there, he attended schools for javelin, advanced infantry training, and airborne, as well as the Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP); and

Whereas, as the United States Army’s premier direct‑action raid force, the 75th Ranger Regiment is lethal, agile, and flexible, capable of conducting many complex joint special‑operations missions. Each of the four geographically dispersed Ranger battalions is always combat ready, mentally and physically tough, and prepared to fight our country’s adversaries; and

Whereas, his training complete, Jason Britt joined the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, stationed in Seattle, Washington, where he remained for four years. During that time, he served a tour in Iraq and four tours in Afghanistan with his Ranger regiment; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives counts it a great privilege to salute United States Army Ranger Jason Britt, and the members with one voice offer their grateful thanks for the service and sacrifice of this courageous son of liberty. 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 United States Army Ranger Jason Britt of Dorchester County for his military service during five tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, and express the deepest appreciation of a grateful State and nation for his life, sacrifice, and service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Jason Britt.

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