**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE CITADEL REGIMENTAL BAND AND PIPES ON ITS RECENT APPEARANCE AT THE 2010 DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO IN SCOTLAND, AUGUST 6 THROUGH 28, 2010, AND TO HONOR AND COMMEND THE BAND FOR ITS FINE MUSICIANSHIP AND OUTSTANDING CULTURAL AMBASSADORSHIP ON BEHALF OF THE CITADEL AND THIS GREAT STATE AND NATION.

Whereas, the Senate was pleased to learn of the excellent performance of The Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes at the 2010 Diamond Jubilee of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, held in Scotland August 6 through 28, 2010; and

Whereas, The Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes was the only American band invited to perform for the event, a month‑long nightly festival of music, pageantry, and demonstrations by military organizations from around the world; and

Whereas, it is the second time The Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes has received an invitation to the prestigious international festival, the largest of its kind in the world. The group was first invited to the Edinburgh Tattoo in 1991 and is the only military college band ever invited to take part; and

Whereas, during the twenty‑two day festival, the Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes performed nightly and twice each Saturday before a combined 217,000 people. Set against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, the Tattoo hosted musical talent from four continents, including the Royal Jordanian Army Band, the South African Irish Regiment, and the Military Band of the Coldstream Guards; and

Whereas, dignitaries from around the world attended the event. The band and pipes performed for the King of Jordan, the Queen of the Netherlands, and ambassadors from numerous countries; and

Whereas, the Tattoo, which attracts thousands to Scotland, will be broadcast to millions of people around the world by the BBC. The word “tattoo” comes from the closing time cry in the inns during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, “Doe den tap toe” or “Turn off the taps”; and

Whereas, one of twenty companies comprising the South Carolina Corps of Cadets, the Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes performs during the school’s Friday afternoon dress parades, at athletic events, and frequently throughout the local community and State; and

Whereas, for the band’s performance in Scotland, the Tattoo provided accommodations, meals, and transportation in and around the host country, as well as sightseeing expeditions for all participants. Money for travel costs came from more than $190,000 in private donations to the band; and

Whereas, dubbed “America’s Band in 2010” in Scotland, throughout the festival the members of The Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes were commended for their courtesy, hospitality, professionalism, and leadership. The cadets performed alongside professional musicians from around the world, taking advantage of opportunities to improve their musicianship and act as ambassadors for the United States on a world stage; and

Whereas, it is with immense pride and pleasure that the Senate adds its collective voice of praise to those encomiums received by The Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes for its performance at the 2010 Diamond Jubilee of the famed Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate The Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes on its recent appearance at the 2010 Diamond Jubilee of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland, August 6 through 28, 2010, and honor and commend the band for its fine musicianship and outstanding cultural ambassadorship on behalf of The Citadel and this great State and nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to The Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes.

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