**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAJOR GENERAL OSBORNE EUGENE POWELL, JR., AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE, HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS, AND HIS SELFLESS COMMITMENT OF TIME AND RESOURCES FOR THE GREAT BENEFIT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to acknowledge the outstanding service that Major General Osborne Eugene Powell, Jr., has given in the civilian and military spheres that have profited our State and our nation; and

Whereas, a graduate of Wofford College in 1962 and the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1965, he served as a federal administrative law judge, ODAR, SSA, beginning in 1980, and retired after almost thirty years of service; and

Whereas, he served as a prosecutor and military judge with the United States Army from 1965 to 1970, as a bank trust officer from 1970 to 1971, in private civil and criminal practice from 1971 to 1980, as an assistant city attorney in Spartanburg, and as Union County Attorney; and

Whereas, his current practice with Bluestein, Nichols, Thompson & Delgado in Columbia includes civil litigation, veterans’ and Social Security appeals, and mediation; and

Whereas, designated as a Circuit Court and United States District Court mediator, he completed the Professional Certificate in Dispute Resolution with the National Judicial College in November 2010; and

Whereas, General Powell is a member of the South Carolina bar and is admitted to the United States District Court of South Carolina, United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Court of Military Appeals, United States Court of Veterans’ Appeals, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court; and

Whereas, he has lectured widely for various colleges and schools, the South Carolina Bar, South Carolina Trial Lawyers, the Federal Bar Association, and the Association of Administrative Law Judges; and

Whereas, General Powell’s active and reserve military service in both the United States Army and the United States Navy that spanned thirty‑five years included two active duty tours with the United States Army during the Vietnam era from 1965 to 1970 and Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991; and

Whereas, as a colonel, he served as the SJA of Headquarters 120th ARCOM, commander of the 12th JAG Detachment (MLC), SJA of the US Central Command (Rear Element), and acting SJA of US Special Operations Command; and

Whereas, his numerous awards for outstanding service include the Legion of Merit/1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal/2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal/2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the South Carolina State Guard Homeland Achievement Medal, and he was the first inductee into the 12th Legal Service Organization’s Alumni Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, with profound commitment to his community, General Powell is a member and greeter of Shandon Baptist Church, a member of Riverbanks Zoological Society, Eagle Scout Association, and the advisory board of the South Carolina Youth ChalleNGe Academy, and with his wife he founded the Eugene and Mary Lou Powell Endowed Scholarship for Wofford College; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Mary Lou, he raised three fine sons: Master Sergeant Eugene Powell III, serving in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Scott Powell, a certified public accountant in Mount Pleasant; and John Powell, a professional photographer in Columbia; and they have blessed him with eight grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the dedicated and exceptional service that Major General Osborne Eugene Powell, Jr., has given to his nation and to the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Major General Osborne Eugene Powell, Jr., and commend him for his outstanding service, his tireless efforts, and his selfless commitment of time and resources for the great benefit of the South Carolina Military Department.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Major General Osborne Eugene Powell, Jr.

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