**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAJOR GENERAL GREGORY W. BATTS ON HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE, CONTRIBUTION TO, AND TIRELESS DEVOTION TO DUTY, COUNTRY, SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS THROUGH HIS SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Whereas, Major General Gregory W. Batts has distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service to the South Carolina Army National Guard from October 1, 2012 to February 14, 2014 in his assignment as Commanding General, 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) in Anderson, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Major General Batts, provided outstanding leadership, relentless pursuit of excellence, and focused vision during his service as commander of the 263rd AAMDC, the lead Army Air and Missile Defense operational headquarters in the country, which supported NORAD and U.S. North Command under Operation Noble Eagle and supported U.S. Pacific Command and the 94th AAMDC in the republic of Korea; and

Whereas, Major General Batts served as the executive agent for First Army acting as the validation and certification official for all Operation Nobel Eagle Army Ground Base Air Defense forces within the continental United States. This responsibility has resulted in unique joint, inter‑agency, inter‑departmental, and multi‑national experience; and

Whereas, Major General Batts is an exemplary commander and a proven leader. His knowledge and commitment to the ideals of professional service have led the 263rd AAMDC through a robust and critical training period; and

Whereas, Major General Batts has the exceptional ability to guide the 263rd AAMDC, from the senior officers to the junior enlisted, with a spirit of teamwork and a shared purpose. Major General Batts recognizes that being a great leader requires superior training coupled with exceptional soldier readiness; and

Whereas, Major General Batts’ outstanding stewardship of the 263rd AAMDC during the tenure of his command has cemented our State’s role as a critical linchpin in the homeland defense infrastructure; and

Whereas, although the members of the 263rd AAMDC will sorely miss his guiding hand, they are excited and proud that he will assume the role of Deputy Adjutant General as his next assignment, Now therefore;

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate recognize and honor Major General Gregory W. Batts for his exemplary contributions, and tireless devotion to duty, honor, country, soldiers and civilians during his service as the Commander of the 263rd AAMDC and congratulate him as he assumes the role of Deputy Adjutant General of the South Carolina Army National Guard.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Major General Gregory W. Batts.

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