**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRIGADIER GENERAL CALVIN H. ELAM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL.

Whereas, members of the South Carolina General Assembly were pleased to learn that on Sunday, January 13, 2013, Brigadier General Calvin H. Elam became the first African American in the South Carolina Air National Guard (SCANG) to be promoted to general officer; and

Whereas, a native of Greenwood, General Elam began his military career in 1980 with six years of active duty in the United States Air Force as an enlisted contracting specialist; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s in business marketing in 1988 from the University of South Carolina’s Darla Moore School of Business and then received his commission after completing the Air National Guard’s Academy of Military Science; and

Whereas, he has served in several key leadership positions with SCANG, including chief of supply, commander of the 169th Maintenance Squadron, and commander of the 169th Mission Support Group; and

Whereas, in his previous role as Assistant Adjutant General (ATAG) beginning in January 2012, General Elam rendered outstanding service in the support arena within SCANG and made a significant impact in connecting the Air National Guard with the community; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Mary, he has three fine children: Forbes, Erin, and April; and they reside in Irmo; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the long and exceptional service that Brigadier General Calvin Elam has rendered to the nation and to our State, and we wish him continued success in his military career. 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 Brigadier General Calvin H. Elam for his outstanding military service in the South Carolina Air National Guard and congratulate him upon the occasion of his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Brigadier General Calvin H. Elam.

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