**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR AUBREY M. ANDERSON OF CONWAY AND TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly take great pleasure in honoring native sons like Aubrey M. Anderson who place themselves in harm’s way to defend our nation; and

Whereas, at the young age of 19, Anderson was drafted from the family farm in Baker’s Chapel, between Aynor and Conway, and joined the 87th Infantry Division in 1944; and

Whereas, Anderson’s division was engaged in combat very shortly after they landed in Metz, France, leading to an early and intimate experience of the tragedy of war by the death of his “Army buddy” assigned to him in basic training; as the war continued to rage, he saw some of the heaviest fighting in Europe; and

Whereas, two skirmishes where he was one of the few who survived included a time when it was his name that saved him. “A for Anderson meant you were always first,” he says. “We had to take rubber rafts up the Rhine at night and go under a cliff, where the Germans were. The first wave made it by them, but the Germans opened up on all the other rafts. The next day I was with a whole new outfit.”; and

Whereas, after the war was declared over, German forces continued fighting in Czechoslovakia; Anderson’s unit was ordered to clear them out. Caught between German 88 mm artillery and their own artillery they sustained heavy casualties; and

Whereas, after serving his country with honor and distinction, Anderson was discharged from the Army in 1945 returning to the family farm; later he struck out on his own and bought 45 acres of land to grow tobacco after which he converted a warehouse into a skating rink that he and his family ran for thirty years; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly are grateful for the sacrifice and service of native son Aubrey M. Anderson to his country in World War II. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Aubrey M. Anderson of Conway and thank him for his service in the United States Army during World War II.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Aubrey M. Anderson.

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