**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE NAVY JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM OF CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CADETS, INSTRUCTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON THE UNIT BEING NAMED 2013 NAVY LEAGUE MOST OUTSTANDING UNIT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

Whereas, it is with great pride that the members of the South Carolina Senate learned about the exceptional work of the Navy Junior ROTC (NJROTC) of Chapin High School and the honor that the unit has earned in being recognized as the national 2013 Navy League Most Outstanding Unit; and

Whereas, after earning the top award in the State, Chapin NJROTC entered competition on the national level against some six hundred units across the nation for this prestigious award and garnered Chapin’s second consecutive national victory, the fifth time in the unit’s history to earn this accolade; and

Whereas, consisting of 213 cadets and two instructors, the Chapin NJROTC fields numerous teams, including an award‑winning drum and bugle corps, an air‑rifle team, an orienteering team, a reenactment team, the Chapin NJROTC Glee Club and Strings, and a 200‑cadet silent drill team; and

Whereas, the cadets are responsible for numerous programs as well as both school service and community service projects, which they organize and maintain themselves; and

Whereas, the Chapin NJROTC is a cohesive unit that transcends the social boundaries of the school and features a diverse group of cadets, including the presidents of the sophomore and junior classes, six senators, the “Coming Home” king and queen, two members of the championship SAT team, a captain of the varsity and junior varsity football teams, the captain of the wrestling team, the captain of the cross country team and track team, twenty‑three band members, All‑Region athletes, two all‑state musicians, five Eagle Scouts, four club presidents, four ROTC scholarship recipients along with two Naval Academy appointees, and special‑education students; and

Whereas, with the mission of instilling the values of honor, courage, and commitment into every cadet, Colonel Richard “Buddy” Slack and Senior Chief Charles Cook capitalized on their military expertise to mold a championship Navy Junior ROTC program and teach these cadets lessons that will last a lifetime; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize the cadets of the Chapin High School Navy Junior ROTC program as the recipients of this year’s Navy League Most Outstanding Unit, and they expect to hear of the continued success of these cadets in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Navy Junior ROTC program of Chapin High School for outstanding performance and congratulate the cadets, instructors, and school officials on the unit being named 2012 Navy League Most Outstanding Unit at the national level.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Colonel Buddy Slack for the Chapin High School NJROTC program.

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