**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS WOUNDED WARRIORS AND TO COMMEND THE SELFLESS DEDICATION OF ITS FOUNDERS: BRIAN MOLASCHI, JOEL PELLICCI, JR., EDDIE FRIEND, DAVID W. FLOYD, AND CHAD MOORMAN.

Whereas, Special Operations Wounded Warriors, a 501(c)(3) charity, was formed in August of 2012 solely to recognize active duty and veteran members of the United States Special Operations Forces with charitable outdoor events; and

Whereas, as the war on terrorism carries on, Special Operations Forces, which consists of nearly 70,000 Armed Forces personnel, will face difficult challenges while America works to protect the homeland and tracks those seeking to harm American citizens all over the world; and

Whereas, because their missions are conducted quickly, those who serve in Special Operations Forces require frequent and unpredictable deployment schedules, personal hardships, and increased risks of casualties during both operations and training; and

Whereas, the mission of Special Operations Wounded Warriors, its members, and its volunteers is to recognize the sacrifices of the members of Special Operations Forces who have earned the nation’s prestigious Purple Heart Medal and to aid in their rehabilitation by providing unique outdoor experiences; and

Whereas, serving on the board of directors are founders, who themselves are veterans of the United States Special Forces, local businessmen, and avid outdoorsmen: President Brian Molaschi, Vice President Joel Pellicci, Jr., Treasurer Eddie Friend, Secretary David W. Floyd, and Sergeant at Arms Chad Moorman; and

Whereas, other board members include Billy Monckton, Aaron D. Daley, Dirk Ballou, Ron Bellan, and Jess Aylward; and

Whereas, the Special Operations Wounded Warriors logo, SOWW, represents the organization’s purpose: the colors of the American flag express appreciation for the United States; the five stars represent the five branches of the Armed Forces from which Special Operations Forces assemble and train; the Purple Heart Medal is the honor awarded by the President to those wounded or killed while serving the county; and the spear represents all the Special Operations Forces, who are the sole focus of the organization’s charitable efforts; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the keen devotion and patriotic commitment of the founders of Special Operations Wounded Warriors in caring for the often unsung heroes of our nation’s Special Operations Forces. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the outstanding work of Special Operations Wounded Warriors and commend the selfless dedication of its founders: Brian Molaschi, Joel Pellicci, Jr., Eddie Friend, David W. Floyd, and Chad Moorman.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Special Operations Wounded Warriors President Brian Molaschi.

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