**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEMORATE THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF D‑DAY, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 6, 1944, AND MARKED THE TURNING POINT OF WORLD WAR II; TO COMMEMORATE *YOM HASHOAH*, THE OFFICIAL HOLOCAUST “DAY OF REMEMBRANCE”; AND TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WORLD WAR II U.S. ARMY HERO MAJOR T. MOFFATT BURRISS OF COLUMBIA.

Whereas, it behooves a wise nation to consider regularly the debt it owes to those who paid the price for the blessings of freedom its people enjoy in the present. Such consideration moves us to celebrate in 2014 the seventieth anniversary of D‑Day, World War’s II watershed, which took place on June 6, 1944, marked the start of the Allies’ invasion of Western Europe, and paved the way for Allied victory; and

Whereas, speaking for himself, as well as for the 160,000 Allied troops who courageously carried out the D‑Day invasion of the Normandy beaches, General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade where “we will accept nothing less than victory”; and

Whereas, on April 27, 2014, we will commemorate the official Day of Remembrance, *Yom Hashoah*, established by the Secretary of Defense in 1984, mindful of the fact that it was our nation’s military forces who first witnessed evidence of the Holocaust as they liberated the Nazi concentration camps of World War II. We also remain cognizant that those in uniform must remember both the dreams for which they stand and the nightmares they stand against; and

Whereas, at the end of the Second World War in 1945, following the massive destruction of their lives, families, and towns during the Holocaust, many Holocaust liberators and survivors made South Carolina their home; and

Whereas, living vibrantly in South Carolina’s capital city is a decorated World War II hero, South Carolina liberator of the Wobbelin Concentration Camp, and former South Carolina legislator, U.S. Army Major T. Moffatt Burriss of the 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. The Palmetto State is proud to salute this member of our “Greatest Generation” and to express the highest admiration for his bravery, leadership, and selflessness while deployed in Europe during World War II. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, commemorate the seventieth anniversary of D‑Day, which took place on June 6, 1944, and marked the turning point of World War II; commemorate *Yom Hashoah*, the official Holocaust “Day of Remembrance”; and recognize and honor World War II U.S. Army hero Major T. Moffatt Burriss of Columbia.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Major T. Moffatt Burriss.

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