**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRIGADIER GENERAL BRADLEY A. BECKER, THE FORTY‑SIXTH COMMANDING GENERAL OF FORT JACKSON IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, UPON HIS REASSIGNMENT TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to recognize and honor Brigadier General Bradley A. Becker, the forty‑sixth commanding general of Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina; and

Whereas, General Becker received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of California at Davis and a Masters degree in political science from Auburn University, Montgomery. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Air Command and Staff College, and the United States Army War College; and

Whereas, he began his military career in the United States Army in Schweinfurt, Germany, where he served as a Company Fire Support Officer and Battery Executive Officer. Throughout his career he has held positions all over the world, including Southwest Asia; Fort Ord, California; Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Iraq, and Korea; and

Whereas, General Becker commanded the 2d Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) from June 2002 until November 2005. During that time, the battalion deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Following battalion command and attendance at the US Army War College in 2007, he commanded the 3rd Battlefield Coordination Detachment in Korea. He then served as the Special Assistant to the Commander, United States Forces‑Korea. Following his tour in Korea, he deployed to Iraq where he served as the Director of the Commander’s Initiatives Group, United States Forces Iraq, until June 2010; and

Whereas, he has numerous awards and decorations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Ranger Tab; and

Whereas, General Becker will leave Fort Jackson in May of 2015 to become the commander of five military bases in the Washington, D.C. region. General Becker enjoyed his time in Columbia and said, “Of all the places we’ve lived, we’ve made more friends in this community than any place we’ve ever lived.”; and

Whereas, the Executive Director of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Carl Blackstone said of General Becker, “He’s really invested his time and energy into this community, not only him, but his wife, Sherri, are very involved with various community organizations, including ours. They are great ambassadors for the Army.”; and

Whereas, General Becker was known as an outside‑the‑gate commander who actively engaged the community, even beyond Columbia. For instance, General Becker was the first Fort Jackson commander to address the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. He also has taken a leading role in rallying the region in the face of expected military budget cuts and base closings; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of service that General Becker has devoted to Fort Jackson, and wish him many years of enjoyment in his next endeavor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Brigadier General Bradley A. Becker, the forty‑sixth commanding general of Fort Jackson in Columbia South Carolina, upon his reassignment to Washington, D.C., and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to General Bradley Becker.

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