**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GUNNERY SERGEANT LIXANDER HENRY, MARINE CORPS JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS INSTRUCTOR AT CHERAW HIGH SCHOOL, FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND FOR THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS HE HAS MADE INSTILLING A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AND PATRIOTISM IN STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Gunnery Sgt. Lixander Henry will be honored by cadets of Cheraw High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) on Mess Night May 12, 2016; and

Whereas, born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, and reared in Asbury Park, New Jersey, Lixander Henry entered Recruit Training with the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion (RTBn) in June 1979, and upon completion, he reported to Marine Corps Service Support School, Marine Corps Base (MCB) at Camp Lejuene, North Carolina, for Disbursing School; and

Whereas, upon completion of school, he reported for duty as a travel clerk to Headquarters and Service Company at Camp Elmore in Norfolk, Virginia; and

Whereas, from October 1983 to May 1985, Gunnery Sgt. Henry was assigned to the 3rd Tank Battalion, 3rd Marine Division Fleet Marine Force, Pacific in Twentynine Palms, California, as a food service specialist; and

Whereas, Gunnery Sgt. Henry was assigned to Headquarters Battery, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan, from June 1985 to June 1986, and to Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 272, Marine Wing Support Group (MWSG) 27, Marine Corps Air Station in New River, North Carolina, from June 1986 to November 1992; and

Whereas, he returned to Okinawa from January 1993 to January 1994, assigned to MWSS 172, MWSG 17 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and then Gunnery Sgt. Henry was assigned to the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, from March 1994 to September 1996; and

Whereas, in October of 1996, he was assigned to Drill Instructor School at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island and upon completion was assigned to duty with Delta Company, 1st RTBn as a Drill Instructor; and

Whereas, Gunnery Sgt. Henry was assigned to Headquarters Company, 3rd RTBn from January 1999 to July 2000 at Camp Lejeune, where he served as the mess hall manager before retiring from the Marine Corps on June 30, 2000; and

Whereas, after the principal of Cheraw High School requested his assistance with the MCJROTC program there, he became an instructor for the school’s MCJROTC to develop honorable, courageous, character‑driven young adults with attributes of personal responsibility and accountability who could become model citizens in service to the United States; and

Whereas, Gunnery Sgt. Henry’s military awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with one star, and Navy Achievement Medal with four gold stars. As a teacher, he has been honored as Employee of the Month, Teacher of the Month, Teacher of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Marine Corp League Member of the Year; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Lynn, he has reared eight remarkable children: Lixander, Jr.; Shawn; Nikolus; Persephone; Cherita; Ashley; Ainsley; and Nikole; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives deeply appreciates the long and distinguished military career of Gunnery Sgt. Henry, and the members value his second career teaching and mentoring students in the MCJROTC program at Cheraw High School to become productive citizens in our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Gunnery Sgt. Lixander Henry, Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructor at Cheraw High School, for his service to our country and for the significant contributions he has made instilling a standard of excellence and patriotism in students enrolled in the program.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Gunnery Sgt. Lixander Henry.

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