**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND RECOGNIZE MAJOR GENERAL ROGER L. CLOUTIER, THE FORTY‑EIGHTH COMMANDING GENERAL OF FORT JACKSON IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, UPON HIS REASSIGNMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND IN STUTTGART, GERMANY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to recognize and honor Major General Roger L. Cloutier, the forty‑eighth commanding general of Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina; and

Whereas, General Cloutier received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of San Diego and a master’s degree in international relations from Troy University. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Senior Service College Fellowship‑United States Institute of Peace; and

Whereas, he began his military career in the United States Army in Fort Ord, California, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer. Throughout his career he has held positions all over the world, including Fort Ord, California; Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Stewart, Georgia; Bosnia‑Herzegovina; Panama; Iraq; and Belgium; and

Whereas, General Cloutier commanded the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) from August 2004 until June 2006. During that time, the battalion deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following battalion command, he served as the G‑3 of the Division until he commanded the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), from July 2008 to January 2011, during which the brigade deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. He then served as the Chief of Staff, 3d Infantry Division, as well as Deputy Commander (Maneuver), 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) Fort Stewart, Georgia. After that General Cloutier served as the Executive Officer to Supreme Allied Commander Europe in Belgium. Following his tour in Belgium, he served as the Director of Force Management, G3/5/7, United States Army in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, his numerous awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, and Army Staff Identification Badge; and

Whereas, General Cloutier will leave Fort Jackson in June of 2016 to become the Chief of Staff, United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany. General Cloutier enjoyed his time in Columbia and said, “Of all the places we’ve lived, we’ve never lived in a more military friendly community”; and

Whereas, the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, Bill Dukes, said of General Cloutier, “He’s been a strong advocate for improving infrastructure at Fort Jackson to allow the Army to expand the post. Additionally, he has developed first‑class mutual beneficial partnerships with local universities and schools. This includes a special degree program for our Drill Sergeants”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is deeply grateful for the years of service that General Cloutier has devoted to Fort Jackson and to the United States Army, and the members wish him continued success in his military career. 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, congratulate and recognize Major General Roger L. Cloutier, the forty‑eighth Commanding General of Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, upon his reassignment to the United States Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany, and wish him much success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Major General Roger L. Cloutier.

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