**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE SUMTER MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 1202 UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO HONOR THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO UPHOLDING THE IDEALS OF AMERICAN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to learn that the Sumter Marine Corps League Detachment 1202 will celebrate its tenth anniversary this year; and

Whereas, the National Marine Corps League was chartered by Congress in 1937, with the mission of providing support and assistance to Marines, former Marines, their families, and to the community; and

Whereas, led by William L. “Bill” Hartley, Harvey W. Senter, and Dewey T. “Ted” Jones, Sumter’s Detachment 1202 was formed and held its first meeting on April 1, 2005. The detachment was officially chartered on June 25, 2005; and

Whereas, Detachment 1202 began with forty‑nine members, a record‑breaking number of active members for a new detachment; and

Whereas, beginning in 2005, Detachment 1202 has sponsored a Toys for Tots campaign each year. Over the ten years of their existence, they have raised over $194,000 and given away over 57,000 toys to 18,750 children. The detachment holds a motorcycle parade annually to raise money for Toys for Tots; and

Whereas, the detachment participates in many local community service projects, has provided hand‑operated tricycles to disabled children in the area, collected and delivered supplies to Hurricane Katrina survivors in Mississippi, and sent items to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, the detachment, known as “O‑Two Can Do”, has received numerous honors and awards throughout its existence, including several meritorious unit commendations and the National Jr. Vice Commandant’s Citation; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate are profoundly grateful for the service that the members of Detachment 1202 provide not only to the citizens of Sumter but also to the state and nation, and the members wish them much success and fulfillment in all their future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize the Sumter Marine Corps League Detachment 1202 upon the occasion of its tenth anniversary and honor them for their dedication to upholding the ideals of American freedom and democracy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Sumter Marine Corps League Detachment 1202.

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