**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE A. C. FLORA FALCON BATTALION DRILL TEAM FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE MEMBERS AND INSTRUCTORS FOR WINNING THE 2016‑2017 DISTRICT ONE SUPERINTENDENT’S TROPHY AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the A. C. Flora Falcon Battalion Drill Team of the Junior ROTC (JROTC) has received the coveted Superintendent’s Trophy Award for Richland County School District One for 2016‑2017; and

Whereas, the Superintendent’s Trophy Award honors sustained superior performance during an entire year in five areas vital to military bearing: uniform wear, competitive drill, community service, physical training, and cadet knowledge; and

Whereas, the A. C. Flora Falcon Battalion Drill Team is a distinct group within the A. C. Flora Army JROTC, a JROTC unit which carries the pride of an Honor Unit with Distinction, an honor bestowed on the highest performing units nationally; and

Whereas, the Drill Team placed first in the areas of uniform wear, competitive drill, and community service, with more than twenty‑five hundred hours of service in the local community; and

Whereas, recipients of the district Drill Competition for the second consecutive year and for three of the last four years, the cadets of the Drill Team won either first or second place in eighty percent of the competitive events. Each of the first place elements were led by cadet leaders: Armed Squad, commanded by Cadet First Sergeant Mohamadou Diedhiou; Unarmed Squad, commanded by Cadet Major Christopher Walker; Unarmed Dual Exhibition, performed by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Micah Eargle and Cadet Command Sergeant Major Marc Streater; Individual Exhibition, performed by Cadet First Lieutenant Derrick Graddy; Drill Overall Champion, drill commander Cadet Sergeant First Class Audric Donald; and

Whereas, other members of the drill team include Private First Class Victoria Barden, Private Patrick Bradley, Private Yasmyn Catlin, Private Justin Dungca, Private Justin Farmer, Private First Class Hannah Gregor, Private First Class Jake Hayes, Private First Class Mason Hayes, Corporal Jaxson Hillard, Second Lieutenant Joshua Howard, Staff Sergeant Sabyan Jowers, Sergeant Alaysha Lofton, Private First Class Bre’Asia Lofton, Sergeant Jamyl Mills, Staff Sergeant Ja’Nasia Price, Second Lieutenant Salvador Ruiz, Private First Class Melissa Senterfeit, Private First Class Sha’Niah Williams, and Master Sergeant Jalil Wong‑Singley; and

Whereas, several members of the award‑winning drill team have been singled out as National Award recipients: Victoria Barden, Mohamadou Diedhou, Micah Eargle, Justin Farmer, Derrick Graddy, Hannah Gregor, Jake Hayes, Mason Hayes, Joshua Howard, Salvador Ruiz, Marc Streater, Christopher Walker, Sha’Niah Williams, and Jalil Wong‑Singley; and

Whereas, while meeting their extensive requirements for high performance on the drill team, many of the JROTC students have maintained a high grade‑point ratio and have been named to the B Honor Roll, the A Honor Roll, and even the principal’s Honor Roll. Drill team members named to the highest academic standard of the Principal’s Honor Roll include Victoria Barden, Mohamadou Diedhou, Audric Donald, Micah Eargle, Jake Hayes, Salvador Ruiz, Christopher Walker, and Jalil Wong‑Singley; and

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina values the outstanding work and the standard of excellence that the members of the A. C. Flora JROTC Falcon Battalion Drill Team have evidenced in being selected as recipients of the 2016‑2017 District One Superintendent’s Trophy Award. 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, recognize and commend the A. C. Flora Falcon Battalion Drill Team for their hard work and congratulate all the members and instructors for winning the 2016‑2017 District One Superintendent’s Trophy Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lieutenant Colonel Dwayne Gatson, Senior Army Instructor, and Command Sergeant Major Hayward Thompson, Army Instructor.

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