**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NAVY JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (NAVY JROTC) FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS IT HAS MADE TO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE OCTOBER 2018 AS NAVY JROTC MONTH IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, over the past fifty‑four years, the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps has benefited communities throughout South Carolina through service to their schools and communities. These efforts have helped develop thousands of cadets into informed and responsible citizens by promoting patriotism and respect for constructed authority; and

Whereas, in addition, Navy JROTC activities cultivate leadership potential, promote high school completion and higher education, and encourage community service; and

Whereas, not least in importance, the Navy JROTC’s program helps develop a high degree of personal honor, self‑reliance, and individual discipline in its cadets and builds an understanding of the basic elements of national security, as well as the need for it. Further, the program furnishes information on military service as a possible career, offers an alternative to gang participation, and supplies incentives to live healthy and drug‑free lives; and

Whereas, during just this past school year, Navy JROTC cadets completed more than 166,000 community service hours in this great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (Navy JROTC) for the contributions it has made to communities throughout the Palmetto State and declare October 2018 as Navy JROTC Month in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Navy JROTC programs in South Carolina.

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