**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GEORGE MILLER, A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (RETIRED), FOR THIRTY YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND DECADES OF OTHER SIGNIFICANT AND EXTENSIVE SERVICE TO THE PALMETTO STATE AND THE BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to commend those who, like George Miller, serve the citizens of our great State so selflessly, making such noteworthy contributions; and

Whereas, born in Fairmont, Indiana, on December 10, 1936, Mr. Miller joined the United States Marine Corps in June 1956 after graduating from high school and completing basic training and engineering school; and

Whereas, as a heavy equipment operator building schools, air strips, and bridges, he served at Camp Pendleton, California, and Okinawa, Philippines. He also served in Pohang, Korea, as an advisor to South Korean Marines, where he helped to support orphanages and other civic work in local villages and towns; and

Whereas, in 1968, Mr. Miller was sent to Vietnam, after which he was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Indianapolis, Indiana, before reaching “God’s Country” at Parris Island; and

Whereas, his many honors for distinguished military service include the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with (1) star, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Combined Action Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Good Conduct Medal with (4) stars, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; and

Whereas, after Mr. Miller retired from the military in May 1979, he earned a degree in building trades in 1981, and continued to serve his country through a career in civil service until 2001; and

Whereas, he has been an active member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and has dedicated countless volunteer hours to citizens of Beaufort County and the State through Wounded Warriors, Victory House‑Veterans Nursing Home, AmVets, VFW, the Purple Heart Association, Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion; and

Whereas, Mr. Miller played baseball throughout his childhood, and he coached Little League when his son was playing, played baseball and fast‑pitch softball while in the Marine Corps, and played baseball and softball for Beaufort County. He also began working with American Legion baseball in 1997, making baseball available to hundreds of thousands of young men in Beaufort County; and

Whereas, in 1998, Mr. Miller established an American Legion golf tournament to finance scholarships for young men in the area. Since 2009, he has assisted some twelve thousand young men to pursue a college education through the American Legion baseball scholarship program with funds in excess of 200,000 dollars; and

Whereas, together with Carol, his beloved wife of more than fifty years, he reared two fine children, Danny and Wendy, who blessed them with the love of three grandchildren: Delaney, Christopher, and Wendy. For forty years, Mr. Miller has been an active member of Praise Assembly, where he serves on the church board; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate values the years of devoted and caring service that George Miller has given to mentoring and assisting young people in our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor George Miller, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps (Retired), for thirty years of military service and decades of other significant and extensive service to the Palmetto State and to the Beaufort County community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to George Miller.

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