**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF SERGEANT MAJOR HOWARD METCALF AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Sergeant Major Howard Metcalf on November 25, 2019; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, Sergeant Major Howard Metcalf enlisted in July 1969 as an 11B infantryman. He deployed six months later, serving in Vietnam from January 1970 to February 1971; and

Whereas, after his war service, Sergeant Major Metcalf returned to civilian life and then rejoined the Army in 1977 as a paralegal specialist. During his Army career, Sergeant Major Metcalf served three tours in Korea as well one in Germany. At nearly every stop, he was active in helping to improve race relations and ensuring that women and minorities received opportunities for career progression. He ultimately rose to the rank of sergeant major and served in his final assignment as regimental sergeant major for the Judge Advocate General Corps; and

Whereas, after retiring from the Army in 2002, Sergeant Major Metcalf earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Webster University; and

Whereas, Sergeant Major Metcalf continued his life of service by joining the South Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs. There, he became the acting director and later director of that office, where he was responsible for more than four hundred thousand veterans and family members in the State; and

Whereas, an active leader in his community, Sergeant Major Metcalf worked closely with minority veterans service organizations and served as an elder in his church, where he helped African-American youth; and

Whereas, Sergeant Major Metcalf is buried at Fort Jackson National Cemetery in South Carolina. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Sergeant Major Howard Metcalf and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Sergeant Major Howard Metcalf.

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