**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND AND HONOR MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS STOWE “TOM” MULLIKIN, RETIRED COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FLOODWATER COMMISSION, FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE FORTHCOMING SOUTH CAROLINA SEVEN EXPEDITION AND FOR HIS VISIONARY WORK; SACRIFICES OF TIME, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES; EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP; AND OVERALL EXAMPLE, FOR WHICH THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THE NATION, AND THE WORLD ARE ALL BENEFICIARIES.

Whereas, Major General (Retired) Thomas Stowe “Tom” Mullikin, chairman of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission and an accomplished and internationally acclaimed global expedition leader, has conceived, planned, organized, and garnered widespread support for the forthcoming South Carolina Seven expedition; and

Whereas, Major General Mullikin, in his capacity as founding chairman of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission, has directed the unprecedented work of the commission since it was established by South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster in 2018; and

Whereas, during his time as commanding general of the South Carolina State Guard, Major General Mullikin transformed the historic State Guard from a little‑known all‑volunteer state defense force augmenting the South Carolina National Guard into one of the premier state disaster‑response organizations in the United States; and

Whereas, Major General Mullikin conceived, planned, organized, and hosted the now‑annual Reconciliation Ride, seeking to build an unassailable bridge of love, trust, and reconciliation between all of South Carolina’s ethnically, racially, and historically diverse communities; and

Whereas, Major General Mullikin has spent much of the last four decades traversing every continent on Earth, climbing the mountain ranges of the world’s seven tallest peaks and reaching the summits of more than 20 mountains across the globe, and logging SCUBA dives in all of the world’s oceans as a means of exploring, better understanding, and educating and informing others about the criticality of protecting the world’s finite resources and diverse and often‑fragile environs; and

Whereas, in July of 2020, Major General Mullikin will lead the first‑ever South Carolina Seven expedition on a five‑hundred‑mile trek paralleling the cross‑state Palmetto Trail from the mountains to the sea. The expedition will showcase the unique natural beauty of the Palmetto State and raise greater awareness of environmental threats to South Carolina’s most vulnerable areas and environs. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend Major General Tom Mullikin for his leadership of the South Carolina Seven expedition, for his life’s work overall, and for his service to the state of South Carolina, the nation, and the global community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Major General Tom Mullikin.

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