**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SENIOR CADET SARAH ZORN ON BECOMING THE FIRST FEMALE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITADEL AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS AS SHE GRADUATES IN MAY 2019.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that senior Cadet Sarah Zorn has earned the distinction of being named regimental commander of The Citadel Corps of Cadets, the first female ever to be so honored in the history of South Carolina’s military college. The position of regimental commander is the highest rank a Citadel cadet can achieve, and the cadet who attains this post must accordingly exemplify the highest level of character and discipline; and

Whereas, during her junior year, as regimental command sergeant major, Sarah held the highest chain‑of‑command position in her class. The first female to attain this high office, as well, she was principal advisor to the regimental commander on matters affecting individual cadet training and welfare and led an NCO support channel that included five battalion command sergeants major and twenty‑one company first sergeants; and

Whereas, further, Cadet Zorn has a solid Cadet Physical Fitness Test score of 249, but her overall physical fitness is represented by the practical application of her athleticism. This includes being a member of the physically demanding Army ROTC Ranger Challenge team, serving as vice president of the Mixed Martial Arts Club, and teaching a women’s self‑defense class as part of her community service contribution; and

Whereas, an attitude of service is embedded in Sarah’s leadership philosophy. She takes to heart the commandant’s charge that cadets should take care of each other, ensuring that cadets fully understand what is going on, are reminded of safety and welfare issues, and have access to the resources they need to be successful. Sarah’s leadership excellence was recognized most recently when she was named recipient of the highly competitive 2018 Leadership Award from the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States. Her many other awards include the Society of the Cincinnati Award (presented annually to the cadet officer of each graduating class who best combines the qualities of a good soldier and good citizen), Daughters of the War of 1812 ROTC Medal (awarded to a college junior or senior for academic excellence, leadership, military discipline, dependability, patriotism, and upright character), and Lila K. Whetstone Women in Leadership Excellence Award; and

Whereas, in addition, Sarah, a business administration major with repeated Dean’s List recognition, serves as a member of several working groups such as the Leadership Development Council; and

Whereas, among Cadet Zorn’s many admirers is South Carolina House member Nancy Mace, who twenty years ago made history herself at The Citadel as its first female graduate of the Corps of Cadets; and

Whereas, the goal of The Citadel is to produce graduates who “stand as a bulwark of Duty, Honor, God, and Country, and [the school] is dedicated to producing principled leaders for service to the State of South Carolina, and our nation.” Sarah Zorn is positioned to take her place among such leaders in the days ahead. 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, congratulate senior Cadet Sarah Zorn on becoming the first female regimental commander in the history of The Citadel and extend best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors as she graduates in May 2019.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sarah Zorn.

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