**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY FOR SIX DECADES OF PROVIDING OUTSTANDING EDUCATION IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE APRIL 26, 2019, “CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY DAY” IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly congratulate the administrators, members of the faculty and staff, students, and parents of Camden Military Academy (CMA) upon the celebration of the school’s sixtieth anniversary; and

Whereas, South Carolina’s official military academy, CMA has a tradition that dates back to 1892, but operations on the current campus did not begin until the 1958‑1959 school year; and

Whereas, CMA combines the traditions of three institutions: Carlisle Military School, which operated in Bamberg from 1892 to 1977; Camden Academy, which was located on the current campus from 1949 to 1957; and Camden Military Academy, which is flourishing today with full enrollment and a waiting list; and

Whereas, Carlisle Military School was established in 1892 as the Carlisle Fitting School of Wofford College, named in honor of Dr. James H. Carlisle who for many years served as the president of Wofford College in Spartanburg. In 1932, Carlisle was leased by Colonel and Mrs. James F. Risher and was purchased by them in 1938. Their son Colonel William Risher later operated it as a military preparatory boarding school until it closed in 1977; and

Whereas, Camden Military Academy was originally founded as Camden Academy in 1950 by a group of generous and far‑sighted Camden citizens who felt that their town was an ideal setting for a private school. Colonel James F. Risher purchased that facility in 1958, and the name was changed to Camden Military Academy. His son Colonel Lanning P. Risher served for thirty‑seven years as the military academy’s first headmaster; and

Whereas, CMA’s mission, first articulated by Colonel James Risher, is to accept young men of unfulfilled promise and lead them to a future of success, a philosophy which has served young men at the academy for more than half a century; and

Whereas, cadets at CMA learn to practice the concepts of honor, integrity, and duty in their everyday lives on campus and to accept responsibility for their successes and failures in the classroom, on the athletic fields, and in their military roles; and

Whereas, cadets are encouraged to develop their individual strengths and talents while respecting the rights of others as the academy fosters the development of the whole man in order to prepare cadets academically, emotionally, physically, and morally to face trials and meet opportunities after they leave CMA; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that Camden Military Academy will commemorate its sixtieth anniversary with a weekend of activities, to include hosting the Kershaw County Special Olympics on April 26, 2019, and then with a parade on campus and a celebration at the American Legion in Camden on April 27. The members join in congratulating the school upon reaching this extraordinary milestone. 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, recognize and honor Camden Military Academy for six decades of providing outstanding education in the Palmetto State and declare April 26, 2019, “Camden Military Academy Day” in the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to head of school, Colonel Eric Boland.

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