**A HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT J. ZOBRIST UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, with deep appreciation, it is altogether fitting to salute the unparalleled service that members of the United States armed forces render for the ideals of liberty and justice so richly enjoyed in this nation; and

Whereas, in 1986, Scott Zobrist graduated from the University of Southern California where he obtained his bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering and earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of the university’s ROTC program. The following year, he graduated from Euro‑NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas and was assigned to fly the F‑16. Since that time, he has flown the F‑16 at five operational bases in the United States and in Europe; and

Whereas, Major General Zobrist currently serves as Commander of the 9th Air Force at Shaw Air Force Base where he is in charge of ensuring the operational readiness of more than four hundred aircraft and twenty‑nine thousand active duty and civilian members. Since taking the reins in May 2016, the 9th Air Force has become a deployable, operational‑level Joint Task Force, providing the Department of Defense with an “air‑centric capability to task during crisis operations”; and

Whereas, Major General Zobrist has held a number of staff positions at the Air Staff, Air Combat Command, U.S. Forces Japan, and Ninth Air Force. He has commanded two fighter wings and is a command pilot who has garnered more than twenty‑five hundred flying hours; and

Whereas, in his first combat experience, Major General Zobrist served as mission commander of NATO’s first mission in Operation Deliberate Force over Bosnia. He also deployed as the 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom and in numerous leadership positions during Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, his military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; and

Whereas, the years of dedication that Major General Zobrist has devoted to the Palmetto State and to his country deserves gratitude, and it is proper to recognize him and wish him many years of satisfaction in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Major General Scott J. Zobrist upon the occasion of his retirement after more than three decades of exemplary service and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor General Scott J. Zobrist.

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