**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM OF PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS CONSISTENT HIGH ACHIEVEMENT AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CADETS, INSTRUCTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON THE UNIT’S BEING SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE 2018‑2019 AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC DISTINGUISHED UNIT WITH MERIT AWARD, AS WELL AS THE 2018‑2019 AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC “SILVER STAR” COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH EXCELLENCE AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Air Force Junior ROTC program (AFJROTC) of Palmetto High School was named to receive the 2018‑2019 Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguished Unit With Merit Award, as well as the 2018‑2019 Air Force Junior ROTC “Silver Star” Community Service With Excellence Award; and

Whereas, the Palmetto High School AFJROTC (Unit SC‑942) has received the Distinguished Unit Award for thirteen consecutive years. This award recognizes Air Force Junior ROTC units that have performed well above and beyond normal expectations and distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their schools and communities while meeting the Air Force Junior ROTC citizen development mission for America; and

Whereas, for the fifth consecutive year, AFJROTC Unit SC‑942 has earned the “Silver Star” Community Service With Excellence Award. This prestigious award recognizes the top five percent of all AFJROTC units, based on community service in support of schools and local communities. Of the nearly nine hundred AFJROTC units worldwide, only forty‑five units earned this award. Of the forty‑one AFJROTC units in South Carolina, SC‑942 is the only unit to receive this award; and

Whereas, further, in June 2019, twenty cadets successfully completed the Southeast Region Cadet Leadership Course at the University of West Georgia. The course was comprised of two hundred cadets, representing fifteen high schools from Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. The cadets earned the Unit of Excellence Award, presented to the unit whose cadets amass the highest total score in academics, drill, personal and room inspections, and physical training. SC‑942 cadets have received this award five times in the last nine years; and

Whereas, using their own military skill and training, Lieutenant Colonel Mike Creamer, USAF (Retired), senior aerospace science instructor, and Master Sergeant David Livingston, USAF (Retired), aerospace science instructor, have forged an Air Force Junior ROTC program that produces cadets who refuse to settle for second best. In addition, these fine leaders have taught their students lessons that will prove invaluable to them throughout life; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing the cadets of the Palmetto High School Air Force Junior ROTC program for being named the recipients of these high honors, and the members look forward to hearing of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Air Force Junior ROTC program of Palmetto High School for its consistent high achievement and congratulate the cadets, instructors, and school officials on the unit’s being selected to receive the 2018‑2019 Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguished Unit With Merit Award, as well as the 2018‑2019 Air Force Junior ROTC “Silver Star” Community Service With Excellence Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lieutenant Colonel Mike Creamer, USAF (Retired), and Master Sergeant David Livingston, USAF (Retired), for the Palmetto High School Air Force Junior ROTC program.

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